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Housing anxiety over

By Brian Giacometi '99
New Staff Writer

Oklahoma. April 22, 1889: After purchasing over three million acres from local Creek and Seminole tribes, the government has decided to open that land to the general public for settling. The army holds back the thousands of pioneers hoping to claim the best farms and townships that the state has to offer. An official holds a pistol to the air and fires it, signifying the beginning of the wild race that would have 50,000 new citizens of Oklahoma move in by nightfall.

Hamilton College. Sunday, April 21, 1996: almost 107 years after the great Oklahoma land rush, hundreds of eager students gather around Beinecke Activities Village hoping to secure satisfactory housing for the up-and-coming academic year. Friendships were made...and friendships were lost as bonds and agreements constantly changed titles in the atmosphere of anticipation. As conversations flowed through the morning air, they were centered around one thing, a white sticker attached to a blue "ticket" we all found in our mailboxes not too long ago. The random, computerized method of assigning each of us a place in line is always subject to criticism, an aftermath of the stressful situation. Should the system be changed? Well, as junior Andrew Edelson puts it, "*Should* and *finding a way* are two totally different things." Are there alternatives? Drew Mishalove '97 seems to think so, giving such suggestions as "order of GPA", or slightly less complex, "an all-out fight." These suggestions grabbed attention and were even welcomed favorably by many people. First-year Jen Lentek thinks that the "highest GPA" method is an interesting reward, "I'd think that I'd like it better if I were smarter." Steve Davis, also in the class of 1999, is more attracted to the physical solution: "an all-out cage-match where the loser dies...therefore producing extra-housing." Yet, the system is in little danger of leaving us, and justifiably, for it does have its fans, such as Amanda Phillips '99 who thinks that registration should also be done the same way as the housing lottery.

One clear issue created from the lottery involves the 50 first-years still uninformed as to where they to live next year. First-year Ari Fingeroth volunteered for the waiting list because he was not satisfied with his only option...a Bundy single. Due to the 60/40 policy, that was the only option for males, but females still could choose from doubles on the Hill as well. How did he feel about this? "Personally, I don't think that it is fair, but I do see where they are coming from with the 60/40 idea." So

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CNN covers college media at WHCL

By Jacob M. Stetser '98
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A debate on affirmative action during WHCL's "Double Take," hosted by Cary Devorsetz '96 and Beverly Low, Director of Student Activities, may reach a potential audience of millions following a visit to the studios by CNN. On Thursday evening, two reporters from CNN's "Inside Politics" filmed the airing of "Double Take" and interviewed several students.

CNN, interested in producing a report on public affairs shows on college campuses, selected WHCL after uncovering the station's home page on the Internet. With several public affairs shows and a wide array of music, WHCL attracted CNN's deeper attention.

Mike DeBraggio, Director of Communications & Development, was contacted by CNN on Tuesday afternoon about the possibility of their visit. By that evening, CNN confirmed with the College- Thursday's "Double Take" would be filmed.

Correspondents Jonathan Karl and Vivienne Foley arrived with a small crew Thursday afternoon and set up in WHCL's studios several hours before the show, taping portions of Eric Ritvo '96 and his music show.

"I was nervous to be completely honest," said Devorsetz, "but I'm really glad they came, they seemed really interested in what college students had to say." *The Spectator* is unaware if other college radio shows were also taped, but given the short time span between the initiation of contact and the actual taping, that prospect seems unlikely.

Low added, "The quality of the calls were superior to what we're accustomed to." Callers offered such analogies of discrimination as cancer and affirmative action as chemotherapy, and asked thought-provoking questions such as whether or not affirmative action actually hurt the African-American population. The callers helped to buoy the already spirited discussion between Devorsetz, Low, Raphael Allen '97 and Dan McCallister '99. "It was one of our best shows," Devorsetz expressed.

This week's edition of "Double Take" was inspired by a recent discussions in *The Spectator*'s new PRO/CON feature, between Allen and McCallister, regarding affirmative action. Both columnists were invited to take part in the show, and arrived just before seven p.m last night with plenty of notes and research.

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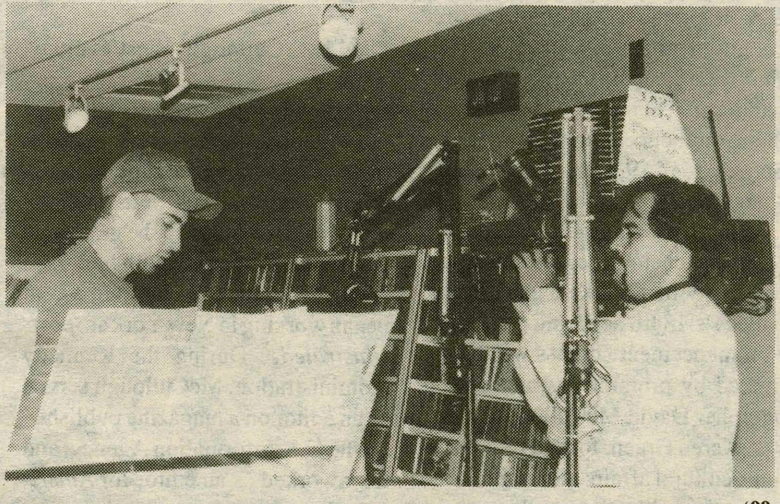

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Eric Ritvo '96 is taped by a CNN camera man during his radio show on "Power Thursdays."

Green party candidate calls for activism

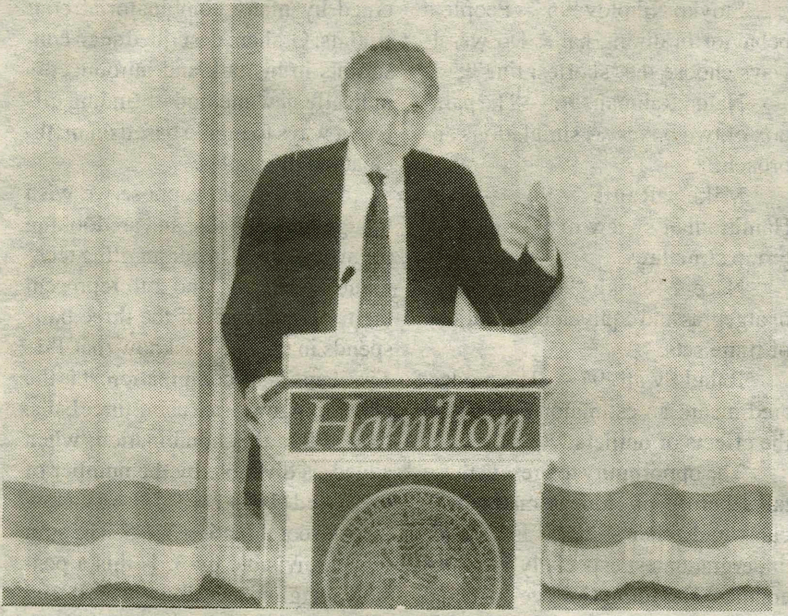

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Nader has authored numerous consumer advocacy books.

By Joe Willet '97
News Staff Writer

Ralph Nader, the current Green party candidate and author of numerous consumer advocacy literature such as "Unsafe at Any Speed," spoke this past Tuesday to a packed audience in the Chapel. Nader began his talk by discussing President Nixon and ironically citing the Republican party of the early 70's as representing the tide water of early environmental reform. In addition, Mr. Nader mentioned that assaults on the biosphere up until the late '80s and '90s were not seen as a form of violence. He posed the question to the audience of why this country considers manslaughter against the law but not violent destruction of our environment.

Nader added that the most effective types of environmental reform have been those calling for prevention and not mere containment. He mentioned developing threshold levels of contamination for metals such as lead, essentially circumvented the problem instead of solving it. He cited the major think-tanks of America for their inability to specifically deem certain products as toxic.

On the consumer side Nader asked the audience to question the majority of the literature presented to them which concerned commercial products. In referring to GM and Dow Chemical, Mr. Nader revealed that these multi-million dollar corporations and several like them have spent millions distributing propaganda. Furthermore, Nader gave statistics supporting his claim that 99% of the information that Americans receive through the media, television and other news sources has a commercial bent to it.

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Prank calls become problem

By Tom Ayres '98
News Staff Editor

The expulsion of a sophomore last Tuesday for harassing another student over the telephone has brought the issue of prank calling and the College's system of dealing with them into a new light.

Myron Brown '96 began receiving harassing phone calls in January of 1995. "Various male voices with background party noises" made explicit racial and sexual references. The phone calls came at random times - mostly on weekend nights - so he started taking the phone off the hook. Despite his efforts to ignore the calls, they persisted, and he decided to take direct action in January 1996 - one year after the calls began.

With the support of friends and professors he went to Campus Security which put him in touch with the Kirkland Police. After he filed a report, the police worked with the telephone company to attempt to resolve the issue.

"This type of behavior is absolutely typical of this campus, I expected to come here and be safe," said Brown. "You expect college to be the safest time of your life and a place to discover yourself, but Hamilton is not either of these things."

Yet what Brown finds even more annoying is that outside of his close friends, the community at large was completely apathetic towards his problem.

"I'm getting these calls because I'm a black man on a white campus who speaks out and doesn't accept what's going on," he said. "I want the College to know that this kind of thing goes on and people can be punished for it."

Even though the caller (who's name has been withheld pending his Judicial Board appeal) has been caught and punished, Brown believes that more than one person was involved, so he's afraid that the harassment will continue.

The expelled sophomore was unavailable for comment.

Ashley Merriman '98, co-coordinator of the Rainbow Alliance, has been harassed intermittently over the telephone since the Spring semester of last year. What began as annoying hang-ups and distasteful sexual innu-

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News

Honorary degree recipients for Commencement are named

SPECIAL TO THE *SPECTATOR*

One of the most popular American authors and biographers of all time, a former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and a retired Hamilton professor and college marshal are among the seven people who will receive honorary degrees during the Commencement ceremony on Sunday May 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

Approximately 450 students will receive bachelor's degrees during the ceremony that marks the end of the college's 184th academic year. The Commencement address will be delivered by prominent American biographer David McCullough.

Karen Green, former director of multicultural affairs at Hamilton and currently an M. Div. candidate at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and an advisor for multicultural programs at Agnes Scott College, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon on Saturday, May 18, at 3 p.m. in the Main Quadrangle (rain site Wellin Hall).

David McCullough- West Tisbury, Mass.

David McCullough, author of six widely acclaimed books, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, *Truman*, was born in Pittsburgh in 1933. In 1955, he graduated from Yale University with honors in English literature, and within a year began working in New York at *Sports Illustrated*. During the Kennedy Administration, McCullough served as an editor on a magazine published by the U.S. Information Agency, and later worked as an editor for *American Heritage* magazine.

His monumental *Truman*, a work of 10 years, has been called a "masterpiece of American biography." An unprecedented national best seller, the book has sold over a million copies to date. The recently released film *Truman*, starring Anthony Hopkins, was also based on McCullough's biography.

Since 1989, McCullough has hosted the PBS television, *The American Experience*. Previously, he hosted *Smithsonian World* and narrated the Emmy Award-winning documentary series, *The Civil War*, in 1990.

In addition to McCullough (Doctor of Letters), honorary degrees will be presented to former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Harry Blackmun (Doctor of Laws), jazz trumpeter Harry "Sweets" Edison (Doctor of Music), New York State Board of Regents Chancellor Carl Hayden (Doctor of Laws), Dean of the School of Nursing at Columbia University Mary O'Neill Mundinger (Doctor of Humane Letters), professor and college marshal emeritus Sidney Wertimer (Doctor of Humane Letters) and retired Citicorp CEO Walter Wriston (Doctor of Laws).

Hon. Harry A. Blackmun- Arlington, Va.

Harry Blackmun, former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1970-1994), was born in Nashville, Ill., in 1908. Growing up in St. Paul, Minn., he graduated from Harvard University in 1929 and Harvard Law School in 1932. From 1934 to 1950, Blackmun practiced with a large Minneapolis law firm, where he specialized in taxation and estate planning.

A Republican, Blackmun was named a justice on the Eighth Circuit Court in 1959 by President Eisenhower. In 1970, President Nixon appointed Blackmun to the Supreme Court seat vacated by Abe Fortas. On the circuit bench, he developed a reputation as a cautious and conservative judge who respected precedent and favored judicial restraint. Over the years, however, Blackmun moved to the center and finally the liberal wing of the Court. His best-known and most controversial opinion was the majority opinion he wrote in *Roe v. Wade* legalizing abortion. The decision upheld the right to an abortion as a basic medical procedure protected by the right to individual privacy implied in the Constitution.

Harry "Sweets" Edison- Los Angeles, Calif.

American trumpeter Harry "Sweets" Edison, one of jazz's most gifted and distinctive trumpet players, was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1915. Edison, who began playing the trumpet at age 12, gained valuable early experience with a number of territory bands, including the Jeter-Pillars orchestra. He joined the Count Basie Band in 1938, where he remained until Basie folded his big band in 1950.

During the 1950s, Edison began a long career as a solo artist and studio musician. He toured with Buddy Rich in the U.S. and South America, accompanying Josephine Baker. After settling on the West Coast, Edison became a regular studio musician, working often with top artists like Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Nelson Riddle. He led a group featuring Joe Williams and worked again with Basie in the 1960's and 1970's.

Edison, 80, has composed or co-composed of various jazz numbers, including "Jive at Five" and "Beaver Junction." In 1992, at the age of 76, he received an American Jazz Masters Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Carl Hayden '63- Elmira, N.Y.

Carl Hayden, chancellor for the New York State Board of Regents

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Congress to look into increasing ATM fees

BY MATT NOLAN '98
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Next time you're withdrawing money from the ATM in Beinecke or you're grabbing some quick cash at the mall take a look at how much extra charge there is against your account. A banking committe in the House of Representatives down in Washington is seeking ways to stop banks from charging extra fees to non-customers who use their ATMs.

Those who have bank accounts back home may be charged more than twice the normal fees under a law which went into affect April 1. Althought he number of banks charging such fees is relatively low, the prospect of customers paying "exorbitant" fees is creating waves among consumer interest groups in the nation's capital.

The new charge of approximately $2.50 is expected to be applied to any withdrawal made at an ATM not operated by your own bank. The fee is called a "remote transaction surcharge" and the banking industry says it is the best way to cover the high costs of maintaining ATMs in low traffic locations.

While the average fee charged to a consumer by his or her own bank, for withdrawls at foreign ATMs is only 95 cents now, the increase could add up to almost $106, according to a CNN analyst. Such an increase has sparked anger among consumers, understandable considering Americans access ATMs more that 10 million times a year.

"Why are we paying banks to make a profit on our money when they're paying such low interest rates?" asked Randy Capps of Washington "I just feel like I'm spending more and more and getting less and less for having my money in the bank."

The congress is not turning a deaf ear as a House subcommittee closed two days of hearings Thursday which focused on the issue. A particularly vocal member of the subcomitee was House Banking Committee Chairman Jim Leach, R-Iowa. In an opening statement to the group, the representative said he feared the increases in ATM fees could erode consumers' confidence in the banking industry. In addition he suggested that banks demonstrate self-restraint by refraining from such practices. "I think it would be wise for the industry to take a step back and put a voluntary freeze on any surcharges," Leach said.

Others, like Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-New York, called the new fees "outrageous." Hinchey went on to berate such fee increases and called for the committee to strike down the ability to increase charges. In addition several Democrats in the House are proposing legislation to force greater disclosure of ATM fees, or, to ban the fees altogether.

Even though most banks already display the amount being charged to the account in excess of the transaction, lawmakers insist there must be more consumer protections. "The disclosure should be on the screen so the consumer knows before he or she takes out the money," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-New York. "And if the consumer decides it's too expensive and wishes to cancel the transaction, that should be allowed at no extra cost."

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group will testify Thursday that bank profits went up $2.2 billion because of ATM fees and the savings over using tellers. Congresspeople tend to agree stating that the lack of personnel needed to maintain automatic teller machines end up costing the banks much loss. But banks insist ATMs cost them money.

"You may go to a teller and withdraw $200. You go to an ATM and draw $40 dollars or $50 several times a month. So the cost of serving that customer and that account is probably greater at the ATM today than it is if they use a teller," said Philip Hudson of the American Bankers Association. But with bank profits hitting a record $48 billion last year, Congress is clearly losing patience with higher charges for a service most Americans have come to rely on.

Undergrad mathematics conference spurs combinatoric contemplation, juggling jubilation

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Last Saturday Skidmore College hosted almost 300 people from 74 colleges and universities in the area for the third annual Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference. Students and faculty from Hamilton and elsewhere presented brief talks on a wide array of topics throughout the day-long conference, which was designed to give undergraduates, as presenters or audience members, the opportunity to attend a professional mathematics conference.

Hamilton College was among the most involved institutions at the conference, with a record 20 students and professors making the 90-minute drive to Saratoga Springs early on Saturday morning. Those in attendance included presenters Amanda Jenks, Tammy Koch, Ann Kupinski, Stoyko Nikolov, Nahid Rahman, Michael Regis, Naeem Sheikh, and Rahul Swali; professors Vivian Anderson, Dick Bedient, Rob Kantrowitz, Larry Knop, and Robert Redfield; and interested students Ed Bielejec, Leah Bridges, Quija Fu, Jim Halter, Christina Hildebrand, Scott Kocher, and Audrey Weiner.

From 10 a.m. until 4 in the afternoon attendees gave presentations ranging from such topics as abstract algebra, analysis and topology, and chaos theory to computer science, statistics, and applied mathematics. Some talks involved original research or student projects, other were expository. The following is a list of those talks given by Hamilton students:

Amanda Jenks '96 — Last in, first out in layoff policy: Modeling the economic consequences;

Tammy Koch '96 — Matrix-valued functions of a matrix variable;

Ann Kupinski '96 — Decision-making with fuzzy subsets: Modeling lake cleanup;

Stoyko Nikolov '96 — People's behavior in dining halls: Do we always choose the 'shortest line'?;

Nahid Rahman '96 — The paradox of two boxes: A simulations approach;

Mike Regis '96 — A Hamiltonian's view of Hamiltonian group structures;

Naeem Sheikh '96 — Number of algebras and equivalence relations of finite sets;

Rahul Swali '97 — The moderated mean: an estimator resilient to the effects of outliers.

The opportunity to present these talks before prominent mathematicians and other students is rare for undergraduates, especially in mathematics. Hamilton College once had a long-standing tradition as an educational institution that prided itself on emphasizing public speaking and producing articulate students. The Hudson River Undergraduate Math Conference provided an opportunity for these eight students, who performed brilliantly in their presentations, to participate in that tradition. Hamilton is likely to continue participating in the conference, which has grown considerably in popularity since its inception two years ago. Interested students who do not graduate this year should consider contacting Professor Bedient next Spring to participate in the conference.

Ronald Graham, a celebrated mathematician from AT&T Bell Labs and president of the International Federation of Jugglers, gave the keynote address, *Juggling Permutations of the Integers*. His talk focused on the art of juggling as a physical realization of mathematical principles. Though largely ignored by professionals and amateurs, juggling is governed by many combinatorial constraints. Graham described such constraints in his talk and introduced a radically new method of finding different ways to juggle based on mathematical principles.

For example, suppose we wish to juggle three balls, and are looking for more variety in our juggling technique. Take x, y, and z to represent the time that each of the three balls spends in the air. We know that 1-1-1 is a legitimate combination; it is the classic juggling trick using three balls. Notice that this combination, when added, is divisible by the number of balls used (1+1+1 = 3; 3/3 = 1). Now take the combination 3-4-5. The sum (12) is divisible by 3. Is this a possible juggling combination? It can easily be shown that this is, indeed, "juggleable".

But what about 5-4-3, whose sum is also divisible by 3? This combination, it turns out, cannot be successfully juggled. The issue becomes even more complex using 4 or more balls. Some combinations of tosses are juggleable, others are not. The proof of this involves combinatorics, a branch of mathematics that deals with permutations and combinations of numbers. Graham presented an elaborate mathematical proof explaining which combinations of integers are juggleable, losing many members of the audience in the process, including myself. Suffice it to say, the art of juggling is likely to blossom from its shallow roots to beautiful fruition in the wake of Graham's findings.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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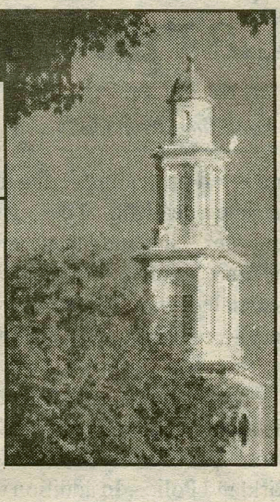


Oregon students organize against racism

University of Oregon and Oregon State University students are fighting against an ugly spate of racist incidents that have plagued both campuses. At the University of Oregon in Eugene, a white supremacy group has distributed racist pamphlets on campus, while Oregon State University has grappled with the alleged harassment of a black student by three other students. The recent racist incidents on both campuses are unrelated, but they have prompted students to organize against bigotry.

More than 1,500 Oregon State University students, faculty and staff members recently joined in a daylong boycott of university services and classes. The March 13 protest took place the same day two white OSU students were indicted by a grand jury on charges of attempting to intimidate a black student on campus. Eric Hutchinson, 21, and another OSU student are accused of shouting racial epithets and trying to urinate on a black student. The white students reportedly were standing on a dormitory balcony as the black student tried to enter the building.

Earlier in the month, posters for a black candidate for OSU student government were defaced with racial slurs, as were posters announcing the upcoming campus visit of Anita Hill. In response, black students at OSU called for a boycott of classes and organized a campus demonstration that attracted students of all races. Students marched through campus holding signs that read, "Racist people suck" and "Unlearn miseducation."

A white supremacy group calling itself the Aryan Pride distributed flyers that called the white race "Earth's Most Endangered Species" and featured an unflattering caricature of an interracial couple. It was the fourth time this year that racial pamphlets have surfaced at UO.

The flyers lambasted Jews, interracial relationships, and nonwhite immigrants. "The Death of the White Race is neither far off nor imaginary in the distant future," read the pamphlets. "Keep it white or our children will be outnumbered 50 to 1 by colored people, who have been inflamed to hatred of our people by the Jews Media" [sic].

S. Illinois U. students recall days of war protest

Twenty-five years ago this month, the SIUC campus was a hotbed of political activity and stood as a sign of the social movement of the late 1960s and the early 1970s. On 12 May 1970, because of riots and demonstrations which disrupted classes and inflicted damage to buildings on campus and to the city, SIUC President Delyte Morris ordered that the school be closed indefinitely.

The student protest at SIUC was part of the nationwide protest against the country's increasing involvement in Vietnam and the U.S. invasion of Cambodia. Riots erupted on May 4 in response to the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University in Ohio by members of the National Guard during a Vietnam War protest.

But SIUC had a unique point of protest. The Agency for International Development gave SIUC $1 million to set up a Vietnamese Studies Center in Woody Hall to teach Vietnamese culture. The center was believed then, as well as now, to have had ties with the Central Intelligence Agency. Some students and faculty believed that through the center, SIUC was becoming involved with the war effort. With these things at hand, early May brought intense rioting and demonstrating on the campus and in the city, known as the Days of May, which caused Morris to close the school.

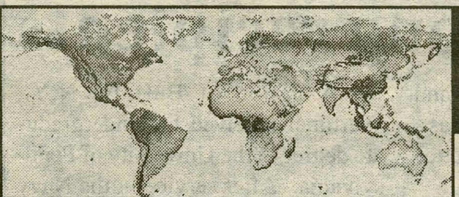
Though classes began again in the summer, the University felt the aftershocks of this period long afterward, and some of those who were opposed to each other at the time still feel a tension today.

Random tidbits from the Web....

Michael Kearney, an 11 year old with a "300-plus" IQ, has already graduated from college, and is now pursuing an advanced degree at Middle Tennessee State University. A kid this smart must have some plans for the future. "He could be Mozart, Einstein. We have no idea," says his father, Kevin, who educated Michael at home. "Right now he wants to be a game show host."

Researchers at the University of Oklahoma have started a study of the way tornados carry debris away from the ground. Historical reports show that paper can be carried more than 200 miles before settling back to earth. The researchers want to create a model that would be of use to forecasters if a tornado were to hit a hazardous waste site. They have compiled a number of interesting reports so far. A cow was thrown 10 miles in 1878, a pillow went 20 miles in 1913, a jar of pickles travelled 18 miles in 1917, and, in one 1953 storm, trousers went 30 miles and a wedding gown a full 50 miles.

A pound of termites has more nutrients than a pound of beef or pork, says Frank French of Georgia Southern University. He teaches his students that there are more food sources around them than they think. Students are urged to create new recipes using foods such as wild plants, but more points are given if the students use bugs. The catch: students have to eat their creations as part of their assignment. French notes that roast crickets, for instance, "taste like a fat-laden hors d'oeuvre." However, "the legs aren't very palatable, and the heads are quite objectionable."



WORLD NEWS

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Current round of oil-for-food talks ends

UNITED NATIONS - Iraq and the United Nations said Wednesday they were ending the latest round of oil-for-food talks, following U.S. pressure to restrict Iraq's role in distributing any food bought with oil revenues.

Oil prices rose on international markets in response to the news the two sides were unable to reach an agreement under which Iraqi oil would resume flowing for the first time in nearly six years.

Iraq's chief negotiator, Abdul Amir al-Anbari, had said April 10 that a basic agreement was reached and most differences had been resolved.

But in recent days, U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright and British Ambassador John Weston have pressured the United Nations to limit Iraq's role in distributing food or medicine purchased with the oil revenues.

U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, decided this morning to end the current talks and resume negotiations next month. No date was set.

The United Nations imposed sanctions against Iraq and banned oil exports in 1990 after Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait. Last year, the United Nations offered to let Iraq sell $1 billion in oil every 90 days to pay for food and humanitarian aid for its suffering people.

Funds would be placed in an escrow account under U.N. supervision.

Iraq agreed to hold talks on the plan in February and U.N. and Iraqi officials began their third round of negotiations April 8.

The changes in the draft accord being demanded by the Americans were to ensure that the distribution of food and aid is "developed in such a way to minimize the opportunity for Baghdad to manipulate this humanitarian effort to its own ends," said Albright's spokesman, James Rubin. "If the Iraqi regime does indeed want to relieve the suffering of the people, there should be no problem accepting these changes," he said.

The earlier oil sale draft left open the possibility that Iraq could have access to the escrow account and control food distribution in Kurdish areas in northern Iraq, diplomats said.

Diplomats have said they will not consider lifting the sanctions until Iraq fully cooperates with arms monitors dismantling Baghdad's programs for weapons of mass destruction.

Britain plans gun amnesty after Scottish massacre

LONDON - Spurred by the massacre of 16 students and a teacher at a Scottish kindergarten, the government Wednesday announced an amnesty for people who turn in illegally owned guns. The national firearms amnesty will last from June 3 to June 30, during which time people can hand guns over to police without fear of prosecution, unless it is found the gun had been used in a crime.

Chernobyl forest fire sparks old fears

KIEV, Ukraine - The Ukrainian Environment Ministry says a fire that near the Chernobyl nuclear power plant did not significantly raise radiation in the area. But nearby residents Wednesday expressed their desire to have the plant closed down. The West has been pushing the Ukraine to close Chernobyl, but the energy-starved former Soviet republic says it needs the electricity and jobs the plant provides.

Cult guru's long-delayed trial begins

TOKYO - Riot police ringed the courthouse, more than 12,000 people vied for 48 spectator seats and helicopters whirred overhead Wednesday as doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara went on trial for murder in the nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subways. The opening of the long-delayed trial came 13 months after a dozen people were killed and thousands sickened when the deadly nerve gas sarin was spread through subway cars during morning rush hour in Tokyo.

Heavy fighting breaks out in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia - Rival militias in south Mogadishu engaged in heavy fighting Wednesday which left 13 people dead and 33 wounded, witnesses said. The fighting was between troops loyal to Gen. Mohammed Farrah Aidid and Osman Hassan Ali, also known as Atto. Aidid controlled south Mogadishu until Atto was voted chairman of the Somali National Alliance faction to replace him in April 1995. Aidid responded by proclaiming himself president of Somalia.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Boom boxes in Amish buggies turn off town

MIDDLEFIELD, OH- Not everyone is happy that things are booming there. Residents are complaining that Amish teens, sowing their oats before committing to the austere lifestyle of their parents, have turned their buggies into horse-drawn boom boxes. The town of 2,000, about 40 miles east of Cleveland, is home to the USA's fourth-largest community of Old Order Amish. A few years ago, town leaders wanted to diaper the horses for sanitary reasons. Now, they have turned multiple noise complaints over to police.

Suspect in slaying kills self during traffic stop

DENVER - A former prosecutor who became a suspect in the slayings of his estranged wife and her would-be rescuer killed himself during a routine traffic stop in California's Mojave Desert.

The district attorney's office had not named Duncan Cameron as a suspect in the weekend parking garage killings because authorities did not want to spook him.

Cameron, 54, was stopped Tuesday for having a loosely attached New Mexico license plate. When police asked him for identification, he produced a birth certificate, then grabbed a .357-caliber pistol from beneath his seat, put the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Mrs. Cameron, 41, was shot and repeatedly stabbed Saturday and Nathan Clarke, 23, was shot when he tried to prevent the assault in a parking garage. She was so badly beaten and stabbed that investigators couldn't initially tell whether she had been shot.

Pop culture gets credit for IQ gains

Americans score about 15 points higher on IQ tests than they did 50 years ago - and for that we can thank such brain boosters as video games, TV and McDonald's "Happy Meal" boxes, researchers say. Healthier diets and better-educated parents also are helping to nudge those scores up, agreed scientists at a recent Atlanta meeting on IQ. But most of the score improvement probably springs from radical changes in media, computer technology and popular culture since World War II, says psychologist Patricia Greenfield of UCLA.

Baby beaten by group of children

RICHMOND, Calif. - A month-old baby was critically injured after being beaten by a group of children - the oldest age 7 - who went into a house apparently intending to steal a bicycle, authorities said Tuesday. The children said they thought the baby was a doll, according to police.

Wertimer, Wriston among recipients

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graduated from Hamilton in 1963 and earned his J.D. degree at Cornell Law School in 1970. An attorney in private practice in Elmira, he was elected to a seven-year term as the regent for the Sixth Judicial District effective April 1, 1990. The Sixth Judicial District is comprised of the counties of Broome, Chemung, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga and Tompkins. Hayden was elected chancellor by his regent colleagues in March 1995, and his term runs through March 1998.

Hayden has been involved in various community services throughout the years, including past president of the Elmira City School District Board of Education, past chair and president of the Chemung County Chapter of the American Red Cross and founder of the Mark Twain Arts Council.

Mary O'Neill Mundinger- Rye, N.Y.

Under Dean Mary O. Mundinger's guidance, the School of Nursing at Columbia University has excelled in clinical practice sites throughout the greater New York area, achieved record enrollments and earned a distinguished reputation as a national leader in advanced-practice nursing education.

Mundinger received a B.S.N. from the University of Michigan in 1959 and her M.A. in Administration of Community Nursing Services from Teachers College at Columbia University in 1974, where she also received her Dr.P.H. at the School of Public Health in 1981. While at Columbia, Mundinger has been assistant dean for academic affairs, director of the graduate program at the School of Nursing, and Centennial Professor in Health Policy.

Sidney Wertimer- Clinton, N.Y.

Sidney Wertimer, who retired as the Marjorie and Robert W. McEwen Professor of Economics and the College Marshal in 1991, has been a member of the Hamilton faculty since 1952. He has also served as chairman of the Economics Department and has held several administrative positions. From 1957 to 1965, Wertimer was the associate dean of the College, and between 1975 and 1980 he served as the College Provost. Although now a professor emeritus, he currently holds a special appointment as lecturer in economics.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Wertimer received his undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania. After service in the Navy during World War II, he earned an M.A. at the University of Buffalo before moving on the London School of Economics.

Walter M. Wriston- New York, N.Y.

Retired banker Walter B. Wriston, who has been called on of the most important American Bankers of the 20th century, was the driving force behind Citibank's expansion over the past quarter century. He also led the entire banking world into a period of technological change symbolized by today's automatic teller machines (ATM's).

Over the years, Wriston has held various senior positions with Citibank and Citicorp (including chairman and CEO) until 1984. Before that, he was director of General Mills Inc., and several other companies.

Wriston was born in 1919 in Middletown, Conn. He received a B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1941, an M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1942 and also attended the American Institute of Banking in 1942.

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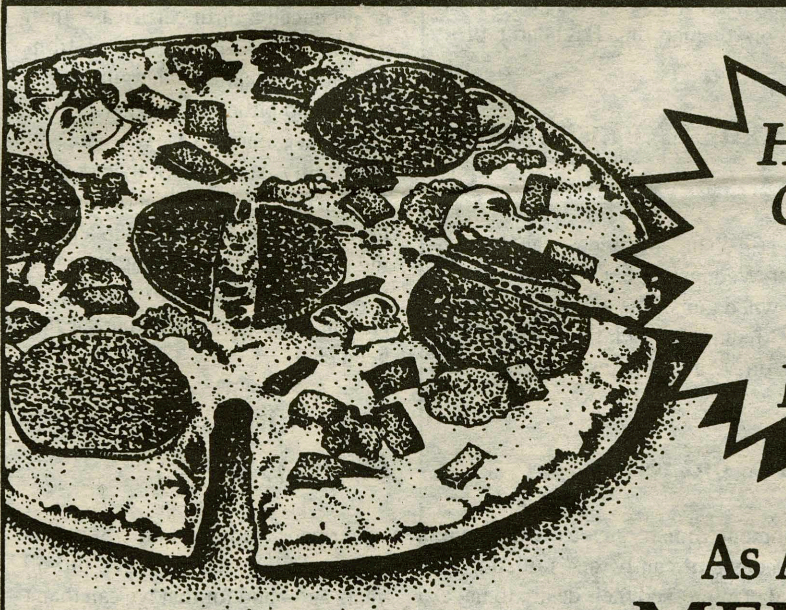

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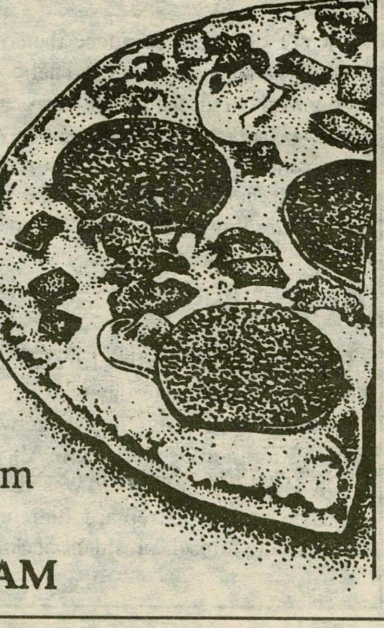

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Larger issues revealed

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endos left on her answering machine became a death threat during the Fall semester. She and her roommate at the time, Siobhan Williams '97 - also associated with the Rainbow Alliance - received a message threatening their life.

They immediately took the tape of the message to Campus Security which put them in touch with the Kirkland Police. In addition to filing a report, both took precautionary measures to insure their safety on campus.

"We made sure the door was locked at all times," said Merriman, "and we never walked alone at night outdoors."

Upon returning to Hamilton in January after Winter Break, she received another death threat - this time through campus mail. Merriman found Security to be helpful and fairly responsive to her case, but finds that on the whole the community tends to ignore the issue of harassment which serves to facilitate such threatening actions.

"The phone calls reflect a general tone on campus that people of color, queer people, women and other marginalized groups aren't welcome," she said.

In a more recent case, Liz Nastro '98 received three harassing phone calls one afternoon in early April. A strange male voice left perverted, lyrical messages on her answering machine in a span of ten minutes. The still-unidentified prankster called her later that night and continued to harass her until she hung up.

When she called Campus Security, they were unable to help her because Director Pat Ingalls was gone for the day. She met with Nancy Thompson the next morning, who explained to Nastro her options. Nastro decided not to pursue the issue any further since the calls have thus far been isolated to that one day.

"I understand that it's difficult to for the College to catch prank callers, but it seems that it's really up to the individual being harassed to take up the initiative and find out who is calling."

The problem with harassing phone calls has caused some students to leave Hamilton altogether. One student (who wished to remain anonymous) transferred because of what he saw as a serious mishandling by the College of his experience with a prank caller two years ago.

For four hours a night, three weekends in a row, a caller harassed the student to the point where he went to the police. When the perpetrator - who was president of a fraternity, a resident advisor, and a member of the Student Assembly - was finally caught and brought up on charges, he pleaded no contest. He was forced to quit his job as RA, but no infraction was placed on his permanent record.

"The reason I transferred was because this sick prank caller, who happened to be a prominent member of the community, got a slap on the wrist," said the student in a telephone interview. "I was seriously disappointed by the way the College - particularly the Dean of Students' Office - handled the situation."

Director of Security Pat Ingalls felt it important to distinguish between the types of harassing phone calls. "Nuisance calls are those that occur randomly and usually are just hang-ups - after the third instance we suggest students file a complaint," she said. "But if the calls are racist, sexist, or life-threatening, then we act immediately."

After filing a police report, an affected person can contact the Annoyance Bureau of the telephone company which puts a "trap" on the phone line in question. When they are able to identify the source of the calls, then the police move into action, explained Ingalls.

"The bottom line is that people thinks it's funny - and it's not," said Ingalls. "Even though each case is different, the one aspect that unites them is that some people fell truly threatened, which takes away from their academic performances and social interactions."

Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson empathized with the students affected by the harassing calls, but explained that the problems for apprehending callers are technical. The process for identifying the source of harassing phone calls involves filing a complaint with the Kirkland Police and the telephone company, who will then make the technical arrangements for the source of calls to be identified. "It is not difficult to do this and the Director of Campus Safety or I will be happy to assist any student with the process.

"I wish it was simpler to catch and punish the people who act in this reprehensible manner because students should not have to deal with this problem," said Thompson, "but the reality of the situation is that we're confined by our technical resources."

Tag sale to benefit ABC

As you are beginning to think about cleaning up and clearing out of your rooms, please consider donating to the ABC Tag Sale. This year it will be held on June 8 at the Clinton Arena and they would like all your unwanted items in good workable or wearable condition. Clothes and small items can be dropped off in the bins marked "ABC Tag Sale" that will appear in each dorm in May. If you have items you would like to donate sooner, please call Jackie Medina x4538 for pick-up arrangements.

This tag sale benefits the ABC (A Better Chance) Program in Clinton that allows eight young men from educationally disadvantaged neighborhoods in New York City to attend Clinton High School.

News

Nader Speaks

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Addressing legal issues, Nader believed that our society really had not become as litigious as is currently believed. He cited evidence which revealed that for each law suit filed, nine never reach the court dockets. He felt that it was important to remain litigious because our forefathers fought for the right to sue. This right had been one of many complaints to King George III.

Nader felt that insurance reform was badly needed. He gave the example of a quadriplegic in Florida who was depending on only $250,000 to support him throughout his entire life. He believed that the legal awards for victims, especially those involved in malpractice cases should be raised, and not lowered. He emphasized the fact that 80,000 people die in hospitals annually.

Concerning Congress and the labor movement, Nader reminded the audience that the government was for the people, and not to be run out of the coffers of the rich. He thought that multi-national corporations had abused their powers concerning lobbying. He also added that the power of workers to unionize and engage in collective bargaining needed to be re-enforced, not discarded. Although he supported GATT and NAFTA, Mr. Nader feared that this type of international trade could possibly lead to a decrease in food and product standards.

Before the 30 minute question and answer session, Mr. Nader concluded his speech by calling on the Hamilton Community to engage in civic action. He asked "How many of you can write a 1000 word essay on your athletic and academic performance? How many of you can write another essay on the same length on your civic duty? Which among you is going to help lead this nation?"

To this, Mr. Nader said that Americans had become the "laziest" and "fattest" than they had ever been since the early 1900's. He also advocated campaign finance reform as well as a "None of the Above" vote on future ballots. Mr. Nader left literature in the Burke Library concerning groups like the NYPYR (New York Public Interest Research Group).

Separately last week, CNN reported that a Democratic congressman and a group led by Ralph Nader renewed an ethics complaint against House Speaker Newt Gingrich, claiming the use of a volunteer in his office broke House rules. Representative George Miller, D-California, and Nader's Congressional Accountability Project asked the House Ethics Committee to forward the complaint to an outside counsel investigating Gingrich.

Miller and CAP had previously charged that Gingrich used a volunteer, Donald Jones, part owner of two telecommunications companies, to work on telecommunications legislation. The ethics committee ruled last month that Gingrich had failed to comply with House guidelines but took no further action. Miller said the latest complaint was based on new information showing that Jones probably performed official duties despite Gingrich's statements to the contrary.

HEAG takes part in Earth Day activities

By Aleksandr Voninski '97
News Staff Writer

This past Monday marked the internationally recognized Earth Day, with Hamilton's very own Environmental Action Group taking part in festivities around the state. This past Saturday, Hamilton students Maria Gara '98, Chris Snow '98 and Jeff Evans '99 all took part in EarthFest '96 at the Mohawk Valley Community College.

At EarthFest, these three Hamilton students helped put together a concert on the quad of MVCC, which featured 7 area bands and George Wesley, a well-known Reggae artist. At the festival, Gara, Snow and Evans led the drive for three petitions and helped garner many signatures. The petitions included the request for a 3.2 million acre Maine Woods National Park; a petition to Govenor Pataki to stop his drive for logging the Allegeheny State Forest; and a boycott of Pepsi due to their investments in oppressive Burma (Myanmar). Also at the festival, the students sold HEAG mugs and T-shirts in order to raise money for more projects.

On Monday, five Hamilton students ventured to Albany, where 1,000 other people had gathered from across the state to meet with legislators and to lobby for various environmental issues. Evans, Steve Wood '98, Cecily Conrad '99, Johanna Flath '99, and Becca Savage '99 drove to Albany to lobby for five bills pending in the State legislature.

Of the five bills lobbied for, they included a bill to make information on pesticides more available to the public; opposition to Pataki's environmental budget cuts; promotion of the Private Environment Enforcement Act; the effort to Expand Superfund, a multi-billion dollar program to eliminate toxic waste; and support for the Composting Bill, which would require all households to burn their own leaves and grass wastes.

When asked about their lobbying efforts, Evans noted, "The drive to Expand Superfund is very important because by the end of next fiscal year, the Superfund will be broke. No other bills have been proposed to refinance this project. As New York State alone has over 2,000 toxic or hazardous waste sites, this issue is very important."

HEAG also believes that there are many important issues facing our community as well. HEAG collected over 800 signatures from Hamilton students and staff regarding the elimination of flourescent paper on campus. HEAG also has plans to help clean up the Roger's Glen in the near future. Next year, HEAG hopes to get funding for Earth Day and is looking forward to getting the whole community involved with various activities. But as everyone should know, we don't have to wait for Earth Day each year to come around in order to take action. Noted Bill Pfitsch, Professor of Environmental Studies, "Everyday is Earth Day."

"Double Take" squares off with affirmative action

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Much of Allen's argument, bolstered occasionally by Beverly Low's additions, was that the primary and secondary schools in the United States were not providing minorities with adequate skills for competing, and affirmative action programs provided minorities with access to opportunities they might not be originally considered for. "Affirmative action is about looking around, and seeing there are other viewpoints we have to take into consideration," spoke Allen.

McCallister, with Devorsetz often adding his own arguments, argued about the possibility of overlooking qualified applicants in favor of minority representation. The recently popular buzztopic of "reverse discrimination" was brought up several times in the discussion. One caller posited that affirmative action required full support in order to be successful.

"Double Take," hosted last night has been a feature of WHCL's lineup since 1994, when Devorsetz and Doug "Doc" Monroe '96 first teamed up for their show.

If all goes well, segments of the show will air Monday at 4 p.m and again at 8:30 pm and 1 am on Tuesday.

The last episode of "Double Take" will air next Thursday, hosted by Devorsetz, Monroe and Low. Both Monroe and Devorsetz are seniors, and unless others step up next year to replace them, "Double Take" will end it's two year run, during which it has covered an assortment of issues local and national issues, and interviewed a variety of public figures, including the Vice President of the National Organization for Women, and homosexual Navy officer Dirk Selland.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Raphael Allen and Beverly Low discuss affirmative action as CNN looks on.

Some win, some lose with housing lottery

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while these students will definitely find a place to live next year, the solution doesn't settle with many people too well. "What's going to happen is that more seniors will be let off campus leaving the sophomores with senior housing." exclaims rising senior Geraldine Hart who agrees, along with many others, that more seniors should be allowed off in the first place. "Why is it the goal of Hamilton to have such a residential community? As we get pushed closer and closer together, we'll grow further and further apart."

Another issue always questioned, is which side of campus people prefer. While the dark-side boasts of a better studying environment, some criticize it as a not-so-suitable living environment. Some even say that it truly lives up to its name, even in the absence of an all-too-familiar blackout, as McIntosh Hall reports plants and even a lizard which died due to lack of sun. Says rising sophomore Sue Glah, "This year I woke up to a dead plant, next year I hope to wake up to a live one." As one of the few first-years who claimed stake in the Farmhouse, she'll have a chance to do just that. Oren Rawls '99 admits that he lost his friends from the dark-side this year because he simply never saw them. "It's impossible to run into them, unless your schedules coincide."

The General Lottery was not the only day of judgement for the Hamilton community, as a few minor lotteries occurred before the big day. The blocking lottery was reported by first-year Justin Widener to "not be hectic at all" as most people walked away very happy. Emily Kord had a different opinion about the specialty lottery, after entering it only with the hope of getting a single on the darkside. She left the lottery without making a choice, however, commenting that it was "just as stressful as the general lottery." The Keehn Lottery also had its heartbreaks, as Amanda Phillips entered it hoping to claim a double, and pick up a roommate from the general lottery, a practise that has been in effect in the past. While Res. Life wouldn't let her do this, they also wouldn't let her in the few untouched singles, but eventually she received a roommate and was let in. "It's all a lot of unnecessary stress, especially for people without housing." says Josh Blum, who is about to embark on his third year in Milbank. What does he have to say about this consistency? "I'm a loser," adding later that he enjoys being closer to McEwen and living in a social area with your friends that can be quiet when you want it to be quiet. Megan Reichgott, a graduating senior, agrees with Blum's comments regarding stress involved in the housing lottery. "It's the worst thing about the entire year. People get more stressed out over this than finals."

Marian Berryhill '98, a two-year member of the res-life committee was surprised by the quick rate that the suites were grabbed, Babbitt being the more popular due to a better view. She was even more surprised by the slow rate that Saunders and the Farmhouse went, and the large number of people that signed up for specialty lotteries. Overall, she feels that "the lottery went over really well, understanding that not everyone gets what they want." Berryhill did get frustrated at people who didn't understand the way the lottery worked, for example, trying to get a block in the general lottery. "I just wished they would take time to read the book." Other difficult times came when people had to be told that they could not, for one reason or another, sign up for housing. Rebecca Reed-Kantrowitz even had to be called in at times that people were too frustrated with the situation.

The only main complaint after that was time. "I thought it was ridiculous that they were two hours behind," says rising junior Liz Rothenberg who waited two hours for #96 in the senior lottery. But when the number came, just like Roma's knocking at the door, everyone forgot the wait. Adam Polak '98 declares his excitement: "Woowoo...I got the last six-man suite, welcome to Thrillbank, baby!!!" The suites were definitely the talk of the day, but as the class of 1999 rolled around, few were cheering. Ed Johnson received a double in McIntosh after pulling out of the specialty lottery. Why did he do this? "Because I'm stupid and didn't show up, I could have gotten a single." Pam Loshak '99 is also unsure about her decision of a single in Bundy. "My reason for going down there is to expand my horizons and meet new people, and I'm a little bit scared that it won't work out."

But no matter how bad the situation, everyone breathed easier knowing that they weren't going dead last. Except for one person, first-year Liz Daly was the one who reached into her mailbox and pulled out the not-so-magical #491. "I laughed, I thought it was a joke, I was convinced that I had the worst luck in the world." But there is a bright side to everything, Daly won the Panorama prize for being a loser: country music CD's. "David Gaynes made me a winner, and he can make you one too."

SECURITY BLOTTER

- compiled by Alden Barlow '98

Tuesday April 16
11:45 am: Hamilton Security answered to a report of vandalism in front of the C.A. Johnson building.
7:30 pm: Security was notified about larceny from Dunham.
7:53 pm: Hamilton Security received a call about a medical emergency.
Wednesday April 17
2:16 am: Security received a call concerning a medical emergency.
11:45 am: A report of larceny from Kheen dorm was called in to security.
3:45 pm: Security responded to a fire alarm in South residence hall.
8:10 pm: Hamilton Security received a report of a fire alarm in North.
8:45 pm: A report of a motor vehicle violation on the south side of campus was called in.
9:40 pm: A medical emergency was reported.
Thursday April 18
3:30 pm: Hamilton Security was made aware of an alcohol violation in Babbitt dorm.
4:20 pm: Larceny from Major dorm was called in to Hamilton Security.
10:45 pm: Criminal mischief at the Rogers estate was reported.
10:50 pm: Security received a call about a fire alarm in Babbitt.
Friday April 19
1:12 am: Hamilton Security was notified about an alcohol violation.
5:16 am: A larceny complaint was called in to security.
8:15 am: Security was called about the vandalism of the soccer field.
7:55 pm: A report of criminal mischief in Dunham was called in to security.
10:40 pm: Security answered a report concerning property damage.
10:53 pm: A medical emergency was reported.
Saturday April 20
6:30 am: Vandalism in the Delta Upsilon house was reported.
5:00 pm: Hamilton Security received a report of larceny from Kheen.
Sunday April 21
1:33 am: A fire alarm in Bundy East was called in to security.
2:05 am: An alcohol violation was reported to security.
3:08 am: Security answered a report concerning vandalism in Bundy dining hall.
3:45 am: A call about vandalism in Dunham was received by security.
11:30 am: Hamilton Security was notified of larceny from McEwen dining hall.
7:10 pm: A medical emergency report was called in to security.
10:06 pm: Security responded to a call concerning an alcohol violation in Bundy dining hall.
Monday April 22
2:55 am: Hamilton Security received a false report of a fire in Dunham.
10:46 pm: A trespassing report in the Griffin Road apartments was called in to Hamilton Security.
Tuesday April 23
9:15 am: A report of larceny from the language lab was reported.
3:00 pm: Security was notified of vandalism in the first floor lounge in E.L.S.
4:14 pm: A report concerning criminal trespassing in North dorm was called in to security.

SHADY CATNIP DEALS

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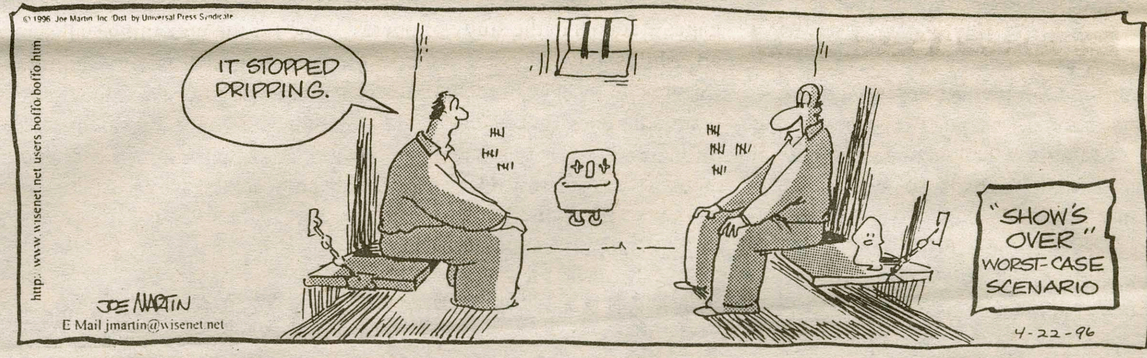

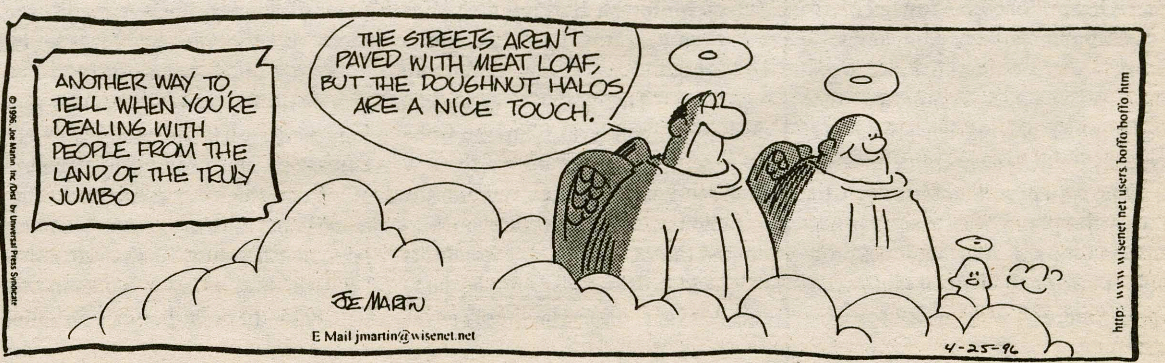

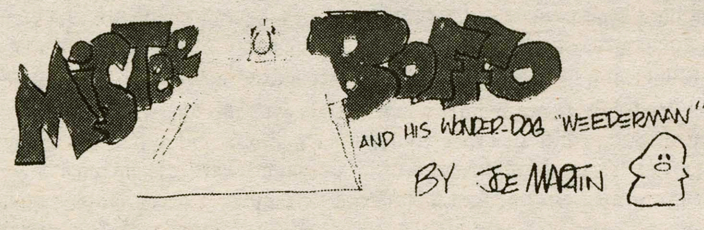

Features

In Hamilton's Ivory Towers a professor profile: Carl Rubino; his work, his passion and his ideas

BY MARIE L. FOLLAYTTAR '98
FEATURES EDITOR

I walk into Carl Rubino's office in Cooper Hall. His door bears activist stickers; "WWF Nature Conservancy," "Defenders of Wildlife." Aside from the window wall, his walls are encased in bookshelves with a plethora of books. The copies of classics are supplemented by novels, philosophy, and art. On his bulletin board is a small poster reading wise words, "A Neat Desk is a sign of a Sick Mind"; Rubino's desk is neat. On his file cabinet there is a bumper sticker with words, "Nixon's the one." He has a computer, a laser disk player, he sits at the computer finishing up his last e-mail. Where did those stereotypes about classics professors come from? Certainly not from Professor Rubino, a modern "renaissance man." We talk for a little bit; I was in his College 100 class last year. He remembers that I am from Maine.

Rubino grew up in Syracuse, New York. Although he has been around the United States and the world he finds himself back in the area. He is a former Jesuit seminary and entered the Roman Catholic seminary. He received his B.A. and M.A. at Fordham

> **NIXON'S THE ONE**

University and his Licentiate in Philosophy from Loyola Seminary-Woodstock College. As a Jesuit he taught at Le Moyne and Bellarmine Colleges.

Although he wanted to remain a Jesuit the constraints of the ordainment grew to be too much for him. In the late 1960's as the conflicts and demonstrations grew to a climax, he and several other Jesuits wanted to journey to Selma, Alabama for the demonstrations. The director of his chapter would not allow them to go. He was not allowed to take action on something he believed in, something that was entirely separate and different from his religious vows. He felt that the Jesuits were "losing touch with the times." No longer did he have confidence in his superiors and no longer could he keep the vows of obedience. So Rubino left the seminary and received his Ph.D. at SUNY Buffalo.

He wanted to continue teaching and so he toss traveled across the country to Texas. He taught at the University of Texas at Austin where he stayed for seventeen years. While at Austin he taught Classics as well as comparative literature which he was also a graduate advisor for. Although, he enjoyed teaching at Texas his wife Barbara Gold (the Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Classics here at Hamilton) was teaching in California and commuting between the two places was becoming too much for them. They were both offered positions at Hamilton and so in 1989 they moved back east.

At Hamilton he is a member of the Classics Department. However, he does not isolate his course-work to this one department. He has taught classes in Comparative Literature, and he teaches the first-year course The Unity of Knowledge; College 100. In the past he has even taught a short course on wine tasting.

Rubino began the Unity of Knowledge course and now it is in its fourth year. Over the years it has expanded. During the first year it was his course, during the third year Professor John O'Neill of the English Department joined the team and now Professor Frank M. Anecharico of the Government Department and Pro-

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fessor Katheryn H. Doran of the Philosophy Department have expanded the program. Rubino created College 100 to give first year students a "full picture of intellectual life at a college like Hamilton and to show them [first years] what to expect."

College 100 is a course which cuts across all disciplines and engages students in the study of opera, art, philosophy, physics, American culture and the role of technology in American society. Although each professor's class studies different works of literature, the focus on the whole, is the same in all sections. Primarily a discussion course, College 100 gives first year students a comfortable transition into college life both social and intellectual. The majority of the students in the sections live together as well as learn together. The discussion of issues has the potential to extend the classroom environment and from my experience it has.

Rubino is now the Edward North Professor of Classics. Edward North was a member of the Hamilton faculty for fifty-eight years and was the chair of the classics department from 1893-1901. Rubino's excellence as a professor is now his own as well as reminiscent of North's.

His intellectual realm, however, does not stop at Hamilton or even at teaching. He has published over fifty articles in a variety of journals. Some of these articles are: "Umberto Eco" in Italian Novelists Since World War II which is in the Dictionary of Literary Biography, "The Double Effect," in the Women's Classical Caucus Newsletter, "The Evolution of our Choices: Notes Toward an Ethics of Uncertainty" in Bella H. Banathy's Toward a Just Society for Future Generations, and "The Invisible Worm: Ancients and Moderns in the Name of the Rose" which appeared in SubStance 47. Rubino has also edited a wide variety of publications including Forum Italicum 21, Substance 47, Texas Studies in Literature and Language 15, and Genre 7. A large portion of his written works have been in conjunction with lecture series that he has participated in.

He has travelled all around the world and the country sharing his ideas and perspectives on literatures, ethics and theories. He has lectures on ancient Greek and Roman literature, comparative literature, philosophy, literary theory, and the relations between science and the humanities (which he incarnated into course-work in College 100). Currently, he is finishing his essay on Umberto Eco and will deliver a lecture on it this summer. He is also working on a lecture he will give in Finland on the "History of Laughter."

Professor Rubino has worked in collaboration with Belgian physicist Ilya Prigonine who was the recipient of the Nobel Prize in 1977. Frequently he travels to Belgium to continue this collaboration, and he has worked as a Research Associate at the Ilya Prigonine Center for Studies in Statistical Mechanics, Thermodynamics in Austin, and at the Service de Chimie Physique II, Universite libre de Bruxelles.

Rubino is also an accomplished musician. He has played the piano since childhood and as a teenager he was enthralled with jazz. He now, however, plays primarily classical music. He would like to have a recital on campus and is hoping to arrange one for the upcoming Fall semester.

A great wine connoisseur, Rubino says, "I drink wine and I have lots of it." Despite his love for wine he feels that there is a time and place for it. He felt that prior to the Residential Life Decision students were drinking too much. He said to me, "What I saw I didn't like." He felt that the old system was "detracting from Hamilton's mission" and that it should have, perhaps "gone further."

Rubino is worried about the current evolution of Hamilton. He said, "The challenge is the creeping vocationalism condition of Liberal Arts Colleges." He thinks that people are asking, "Why do we study all this

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useless stuff?" He says that parents are constantly asking about the future chances of his students in getting in to graduate schools. "Why study classics? You can't speak latin?' are words that he constantly hears echoed around the campus and in the academic arena. Rubino thinks, however, that it doesn't matter what you study in college.

He calls for students to study what fulfills them now and worry about the future later. He says that Hamilton "gives you four really precious years to look at larger issues and see your life in context. You see yourself in the history of humans and work." He warns against students becoming "job machines," and their education preparing them for only their job. Students at Hamilton, "are given perspectives on life which make you see life in a better way."

The current push of the adminis-

> **" I drink wine and I have lots of it."-Rubino**

tration to make Hamilton a more practical school is a warning sign to Rubino. "No criticism," he says, but the "but" of his thoughts remains implied. The reincarnation of the Student Education Program he feels might be an excuse to redesign the entire scope of academic programs. He feels that Pre-Med and Pre-Law programs are great as long as students are exposed to other areas of study.

Perhaps to deal with his tension about the evolution of liberal arts colleges, he uses his Stress wham it device, a miniature childhood punching bag.

On the first day of my College 100 class Rubino asked all of us why we were taking the course. One student replied, "My mother made me." Rubino finds that this is a current theme among parents and perhaps this accounts for the development of liberal arts schools into academic vocational institutions. He wishes that all students were allowed to make their own choices.

Rubino reminds me of the men he has spent most of his life studying. He is reminiscent of the "Universal Man" of Leonardo da Vinci. Rubino

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Studies tell us that the average college student is well informed about AIDS. The media has provided us with educational and statistical information and television has brought AIDS into our homes in a variety of ways. While in high school, most students discussed safe sex and AIDS in health or other classes. And yet, studies also tell us that even though college students are well informed, they have not significantly changed their behavior to reduce the risk of getting AIDS.

One possible reason for this is that, for the most part, college age students perceive themselves as invincible. They know and understand the facts about AIDS but have an attitude of "it happens to other people, it won't happen to me."

Consider these statistics:

* One in 250 persons in the United States is infected with HIV.

* HIV infection/AIDS is the number one cause of death among Americans 25-44 years old.

*One in 500 college students is infected with HIV.

* 85% of the AIDS cases reported throughout the world are transmitted through heterosexual encounters.

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* The Public Health Service projected a year ago that by this year the cumulative number of diagnosed AIDS cases will be in the range of 415,000-535,000.

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So what do all these statistics mean to you, a student at Hamilton College? It means that no matter what your sexual orientation is, you are at a high risk of getting HIV if you are practicing unsafe sex.

If you are having casual sex with multiple partners, chances are those partners have also had multiple partners and you are both at risk for not only HIV, but other sexually transmitted diseases. If you are having vaginal, anal or oral sex without a condom or another latex barrier, you are at a greater risk for getting HIV. If you are having sex when drunk or high, you are at a greater risk because you are most likely to forget to use a condom or not use it properly.

The safest sex is, of course, no sex. But if you are having sex, you should know your partner and their sexual history. Always use a latex condom with nonoxynol-9 spermicide. A condom must be put on an erect penis before any contact is made between the penis and any part of the partner's body. Latex barriers or dental dams should be used when having oral sex. Condoms should also be used with vibrators and other sex toys.

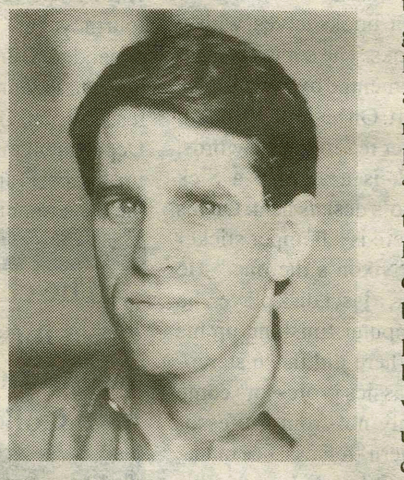
HIV and other STD's are preventable, but you alone are responsible for your sexual health. The Student Health Service haws a variety of pamphlets on HIV and other STD's. Free condoms as well as rubber gloves (and directions to make dental dams) are available in the waiting room of the Health Center. HIV tests are available. It is always wise to check, just in case.

Vietnamerica: Bass brings the forgotten faces of the war home

By Marie L. Follayttar '98
Features Editor

Thomas Bass, Scholar-In-Residence here at Hamilton College will be reading from his book *Vietnamerica* in the Events Barn oin April 30th at 8:00 p.m. *Vietnamerica* is the result of over a decade of investigation and is the story of the airlifting of Amerasian refugees out of Vietnam in the years 1988-1995.

"In his exactly rendered, dramatic account of the lives of the children we fathered in Vietnam and left to the mercies of fortune, Thomas Bass lays bare the souls of two nations. His chronicle of unforeseen consequences is a troubling, unflinching, profoundly humane achievement; it will undoubtedly prove to be one of the essential documents about the war and, by implication, all wars," said Tobias Wolff.



These children, the stories of which Bass follows in his book, are the abandoned children of American Vietnam vets. They were left in Vietnam and were scorned by the vietnamese and were considered an embarrassment to be ignored by the United States government. In 1987 these children were allowed to emigrate to the country of their father's.

Bass, in the development of his story, uses interviews with American and Vietnamese officials, the children, and social workers involved on the cases. As Publishers Weekly says it is a "sorry tale of racism and fraud, corruption and inefficiency that continues to keep these now young adults outcasts in a world that often regards their very existence as a mistake."

It is a story of the other side of the war, the forgotten faces, and hidden prayers and the eventual migration to hope in America. "This is an astonishing and harrowing and deeply moving book about people who embody both the divisions and the unity of our country. The Amerasian children of the Vietnam War are now adults and living among us, and they call us to understand anew what it means to be an America. ***Vietnamerica* is a very important book**," said Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize Winner.

Come see his reading of *Vietnamerica* on April 30th at 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn on the twenty-first anniversary of the fall of Saigon. Help him help us to remember.

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"This is a disturbing book. It forces us to face our history and therefore ourselves. It took a lot of dedication, along with a lot of skill, to conduct this investigation." - Daniel Schoor, Senior News Analyst, National Public Radio

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***Vietnamerica* is an astounding and sad tale of the living spoils of our Vietnam misadventures. In the stories of these children our nations connect in a way they never did on the battlefield." -Col. David Hackworth (USA Retired)**

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NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE *SPECTATOR*. THE FEATURES SECTION IS LOOKING FOR SOME INTERESTING IDEAS. IF YOU HAVE ANY, WE CAN USE EVEN YOUR WACKIEST, PLEASE CALL MARIE X 0214.

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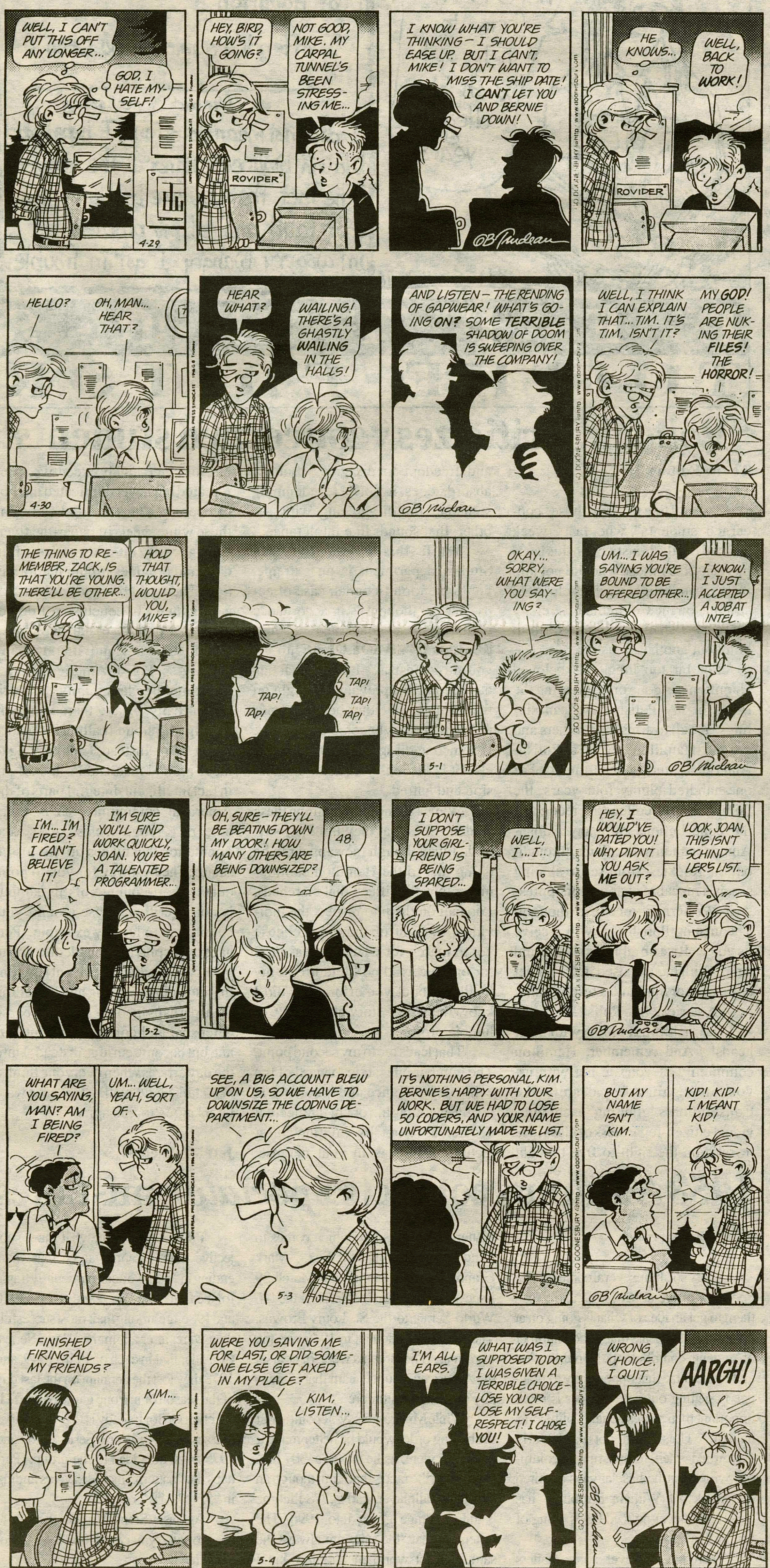

SPECTATOR CLASSIFIED

The Spec Classified is a new section that includes Quotable Quotes, Personals, and Classified ads. Send your information to The Spec Classified via campus mail or email to "spectator@hamilton.edu".

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I saw my booby and we had a really nice weekend."

-Jaquedda Morreale '98 in reference to her weekend which she had spent with her boyfriend.

"I wouldn't consider that knowledge, I would consider that a party favor."

-Ken Bateman '97 commenting on the idea that with perfect knowledge you would be able to predict the future.

"Poor countries have no ideas."

-Economics Professor Jeff Pliskin

PERSONALS

Turnip-

We really need to bond before the end of the school year! I miss you and hope your res life plans pan out over the summer. How sweet would that be? See you this weekend.

-Rutabaga

Sweetheart-

Time is precious. Sometimes I forget that. Thank you for reminding me. I love you.

-Your Baby

Cherry Pie-

I had to do what I had to do. Why can't people love more that one at the same time? Saturday, I'll bring the milk.

-Ginger Snap

Petite-

Happy Birthday! I can't wait until you are back in my arms. I love you!

-Your Cornichon

CLASSIFIED

Found: In front of library on April 21 "Outward Bound- Hurricane Island" pin. Contact A.B.C.. House 853- 2989.

Recertification class for **CPR for the professional rescuer and First Aid**- April 29&&330, 4:00- 6:00 pm at the student health center. Please call Tina Young at x4152 to register.

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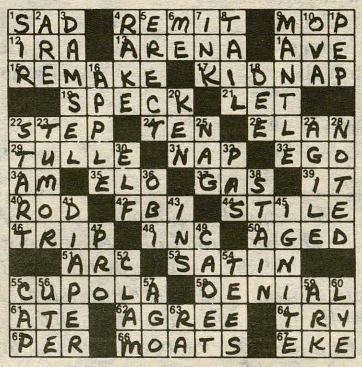
ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD



Editorial

EDITORIAL

Let *The Bull* wander

The Publications Board decided on Tuesday to relieve the editors of *The Daily Bull* from their positions without warning and without the editors present to speak in their own defense. The decision came after reviewing the publication and finding certain material inappropriate and insensitive. While few would disagree with the Board's opinion regarding the published material, the decision to terminate the editors was a poor one.

The material that spurred the decision was the publication of grammatical mistakes written by welfare recipients seeking their benefits, and the editor's ensuing sarcastic apology.

The grammatical mistakes were the type of humor that is entertaining at first glance, but becomes sobering to some and offensive to others with the briefest moment of thought. It was far from the ideal material for *The Daily Bull* editors to print, and by sake of their positions as editors, if not educated people, they should have known not to print such controversial humor. When the editors were asked to write an apology for their mistake, their insincere apology was unsatisfying.

Despite their irresponsible behavior, the editors should not have been relieved of their position. The Board removed them because they violated the Publication Board's Constitution by diverging from the "format or intent" of the publication. The problem with this reasoning is that *The Daily Bull* is intended to be nothing more than a daily events calender, but historically the publication has contained everything from humorous statistics to female genitalia. To punish editors for being consistent, not only with their own material, but with past material is incorrect.

The Daily Bull has never been strictly a daily events calendar, and it shouldn't be. The very title suggests a playful and off-beat approach to publishing. It performs a unique role for a publication because of its ability to cover incredibly diverse subject matter and because it isn't constrained by the traditional journalistic boundaries. It is a source for discussion both lighthearted and thoughtful. To see a publication with such promise limited to a sterile listing of events and lost items is wasting an opportunity for an incredibly constructive and fun publication.

Safety is comforting, but boring. The attitude in this case has been that it is better to say nothing than to say something that might be construed as offensive. This is a dangerous attitude to accept and one that the Board has endorsed with this decision. The materials printed in a publication like this will not always be in the best taste, nor are they guaranteed not to offend. There is an element of risk that must be assumed if anything worthwhile is to come from *The Daily Bull*. In a case where editors cross the unspoken, unwritten line that any responsible person must identify, a warning must precede any action against them, and they must be allowed to speak in their own defense.

It is a serious concern to think that future editors of *The Daily Bull* will be hesitant to print worthwhile material for fear of being removed from their position.

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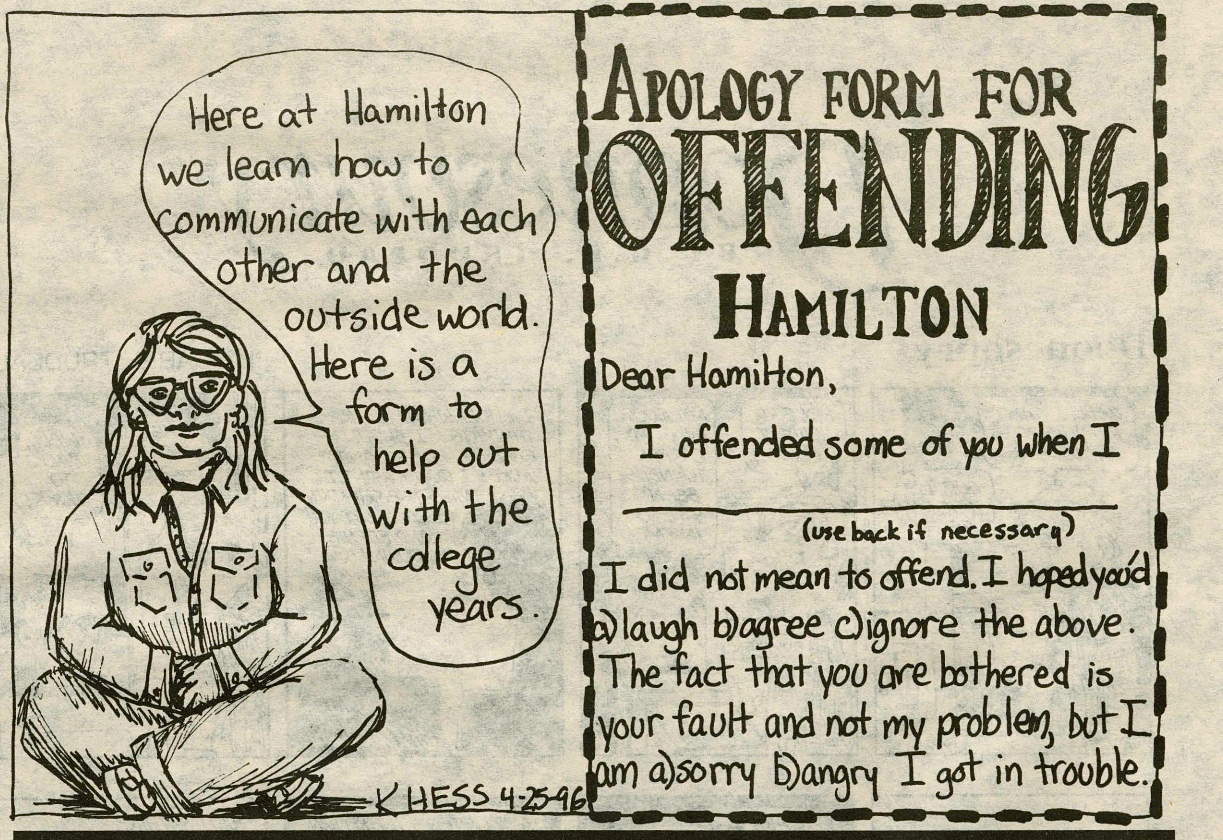

LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

"Pollock" criticizes "concerned students"

To the Editor:

I would like to thank those "concerned students" who last week pointed out the injustices on this campus caused by those who did not join in their candle light vigil to help in the struggle on the Columbia University campus. I shall now come forth to point out another injustice.

For far too long, this beloved Hamilton has gone on oppressing the rights of my Polish-American siblings. A call to arms my brothers and sisters: Hamilton needs a Polish-American Studies department! For one-hundred eighty four years, the failure of this college to recognize the contributions of many Polish-Americans across the plains, throughout the Rockies, from sea to shining sea, is a macabre example of oppressive Western-Eurocentric thought. The unsung Polish race will receive its voice. Rise up siblings rise up and sing! With hands raised in the air, let us just go forward into a bright, shiny new America, the Polish flag and kielbasa held high along with your heads! And remember, Hamilton community, if you are not with us, you are against us, despite the Constitution's granting each individual citizen-regardless of class race or religion-the right to free thought and freedom to disagree. Sounds absurd, does it not? Condemning someone for disagreeing with another; that sounds like intolerance.

While this Polish-American Studies department is an extreme, not to mention fictional, case of activism, the thought is in accordance with what these "concerned students" are saying: "if you are not with us, you are against us." It seems that this has become the prevalent thought on this campus. Neither neutrality nor indifference has become acceptable. If someone disagrees with someone else, it is obviously an act of aggression and hatred.

While I am not condemning these students for what they think, or say, or do (even though they appear to be doing that to the Hamilton community minus the fifteen that marched), I do call on them to respect the individual thought of those who chose not to march for whatever reason. I for one receiv'd no literature in my mailbox about you efforts nor did I know the whole story about the Columbia protests.

That leads me to my second point. The number one tactic to ward of the evils of intolerance and ignorance is not by encouraging open, intellectual debate; it is not by inviting guest lecturers to speak in your defense. No, the chief, highly executive, often imitated but never duplicated method of opening a closed mind comes on those white sheets of paper-the flyer! This guerilla, hit-and-run lasts four days and provides minimal information. Then it is gone and another case is forgotten. In conclusion I do not deny that prejudice and intolerance do not go on at Hamilton on a daily basis. As a Polish-American from a lower middle-class family, I experience it daily. Have there been any flyers going around calling for Maoist revolt? No. Instead, I am proving to those around me that "Pollocks" are in fact intelligent, integral parts of the American community, as is every other race, religion, class, and sexual orientation that makes up this tossed salad. The best way for you to point out the short-comings of this campus is not to critique those around you, but instead to lead by example. Perhaps by displaying your dedication to your cause (which is evident) by continuing your marching and literature, then perhaps people will not be so defensive and consequently intolerant, but become curious instead. Until the day arrives when everyone thinks, acts, talks, and walks the same way, let us agree to this agree.

Jeff Michael '97

1958 Alumnus corrects *Spectator* mistakes

To the Editor:

Every so often, several copies of *The Spectator* arrive at my home and I scan them to get an idea of what is going on at Hamilton. It appears that a good number of students contribute to the publication and I recognize that opportunity to practice in getting out a newspaper is more important than professional quality journalism. Thus I am not particularly disyturbed when, for example, a columnist writes that he has "always admired [the work] of William **Saphire**," has apperently never noticed the spelling of Mr. **Safire**'s name.

There are, however, some matters so important that sloppy writing must be dealt with promptly and firmly. One such matter-in fact, the only which comes to mind-is the Boston Red Sox. Mark Granovsky's column in your March 29 issue states that the Red Sox lost the '46 World Series to the St. Louis Browns. The Red Sox opponent in 1946 was the Cardinals. The Browns were, of course, the American leaugue team that eventually moved to Baltimore.

While Mr Granovsky's point about the batting order would be better made if Naehring were, as he states, a .307 lifetime hitter, the fact is that Tim, though an excellent ballplayer, had a .278 lifetime batting average going into 1996. The statement that "the rules are always the same" is not worth mentioning, but I wonder if Mark thinks there has always been a designated hitter?

Finally, on a somewhat more subjective note, I cannot agree that years ending in "6" have been particuarly tragic for the Red Sox. The years he cites, 1946 and 1986, are among their most succesful-they were, after all, in the World Series. Consider that in each of 1948, 1949, and 1978 they lost the pennant on the last day of the season or in a one game playoff. If the criterion for tragedy is to be in the loss of a seven game World Series, 1967 and 1975 must be added to the group. Perhaps the "pattern" includes years ending in "5," "7," "8," or "9."

As Casey Stengel (remember him?) used to say, "you could look it up." Not a bad idea.

Robert L. Brooks '58

Letters and Op-Ed

LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Writers demand written apology for unauthorized publication of poems

To the Editor:

My name is Jeffrey M. Darling and I am writing for Ann Crothers, James Piiparinen, and myself in response to the April 19th article written about the Intercollegiate Reading Series.

Ann, James, and I were outraged when we found that our poetry was printed in *The Spectator* without any of our permission. It frightens me to think that I could be looking through my college newspaper to find that a section of my thesis found its way into the wrong hands and eventually on to page 8, where, to much of my dismay, its line breaks were butchered and its sanctity destroyed. Not only were these poems part of our theses, theses in progress, and still undergoing revision, they are also very much our property and by no means should they have been printed. Even if these poems were ready and we were willing to publish them, *The Spectator* would not have been our forum of choice for that publication. Your printing of our poetry without permission is an illegal infringement on our personal intellectual property and a mark of unprofessionalism of the highest order.

Ann Crothers, James Piiparinen, and I request a formal written and published apology in the next edition of *The Spectator*. The seriousness of this should not be overlooked or taken lightly by your newspaper nor should this egregious event take place again.

Ann Crothers '96
James Piiparinen '96
Jeffrey Darling '96

Res Life plan kills smokers before their time

To the Editor:

With the arrival of the court decision that seems to have finalized the Residential Life Decision, we, as students, must take this time to boil and seethe over the number of additions we wanted to see implemented into the college, that never were taken seriously by the Trustees.

First and foremost, is the smoking lounge in the library. What better way to study those complex, multivariable equations, than by chain smoking a pack of reds? And what better way to write that 75 page thesis, than with a pack of Parliaments sitting by your side? But no, the Trustees did not take this student demand seriously, and we have been left out in the cold, the library steps the last bastion of relief for us nicotine dependant students, who so want to better ourselves academically.

Yet this is not the only area where the Trustees have chosen to ignore our pleas. As Hamiltonians, we each feel the need to keep ourselves healthy, and as any good Trustee knows, healthy students are happy students! So why was the college unwilling to build a new Fitness Center, one in which stairmastering and sucking on a Camel Light go hand in hand? One in which every other lift of the barbell is accompanied by a drag of a Basic? One in which every mile pedaled on an exercycle is rewarded with a Lucky Strike? Yes, not only does the college not give a rat's ass about us as studious, library-going young intellectuals, or even as health concious work-out-aholic Hamiltonians, but... I'm sorry, I promised myself I wouldn't bring it up, but I feel I must.

With the loss of Fraternity Housing, we as Hamiltonians, cannot even walk down a hallway in our OWN HOMES to enjoy the smooth flavor of a cancer stick. (Yes you anti-smoking minority weenies, we know we can get cancer and die, and WE DON'T CARE!) We cannot enjoy one of life's simplest and most elementary pleasures! The freedom of infesting our own lungs with the delightful taste of TOBACCO! Did you know, fellow Continentals, that in the past year since Fraternities lost their housing, the number of students reported for dorm smoking violations has risen 398%! Now had the college simply realized that Fraternities were a haven for smokers, and that the Fraternities were doing the College a favor by isolating a large number of the smokers away from the pink lungers, then wouldn't we be living in a better Hamilton?

I call on you Kevin Kennedy and the other Trustees of Hamilton College, to come to your senses and reverse the abomination of a decision that has sought to repress a growing portion of the Hamilton Community. Let the smokers have their own housing again. GIVE BACK THE FRAT HOUSES!

I am sure that if you talked to William Morris, that they would be more than willing to donate a few Sorrority houses in the name of Parliaments and Marlboro Lights. And William Morris would be more than willing to donate the money to renovate the degraded fraternity houses in the name of Marlboro and Camel! You have erred, Trustees of Hamilton College. You have ignored the pleas of a majority of this campus, and in so doing, have destroyed the integrity, nay, the MORAL FIBER of a student body with a long and glorius smoking tradition. Rest in peace, Hamilton Smokers. Your life at this college has been brought to it's tragic end.

Greg Gardner '96

Mistake acknowledged

To the Hamilton Community:

Last week *The Spectator* ran several poems written by Jeffrey Darling, Ann Crothers and James Piiparinen without their permission. This letter is an apology to them.

The poems were printed as part of a feature on the Ninth Annual Intercollegiate Reading Series hosted by Hamilton. They were used as examples of the type of work being read at the Series.

In no way was the error intentional, but I realize it was a serious mistake and I apologize for it profusely. The section editor thought she had obtained sufficient permission and I did not think enough about it at the time to catch the mistake. I hope that you can forgive me and *The Spectator* staff for our carelessness. It will not happen again.

David H. Townsend
Editor-In-Chief

Dismissal of *Bull* editors angers students

To the Editor

We are writing with regard to recent events involving the Daily Bull and the subsequent removal of its editors, Dan McKenna and Cary Devorsetz. The Daily Bull published two humor pieces in the past month and a half that some members of the Hamilton community found offensive. The first concerned a nervous preacher who delivered his first sermon under the influence of vodka. The second article listed grammatical errors in letters from welfare recipients.

The editors supposedly broke Article 3 Section 7 of the Student Media Board Constitution that states: "Any Editor-in-Chief who, in the opinion of the board, diverges from the format or intent of a publication recognized by the board, prints or broadcasts libelous or indecent material, or does not fulfill the ethical standards required to execute his or her duties may be subject to removal from office." and were asked to apologize. When their apology was deemed inappropriate, the editors were released.

As most of us at Hamilton can attest, The Daily Bull was the best it has been in the past four years. Readership dramatically increased, for any visitor to Commons, McEwen, and the Howard Diner could witness countless students happily enjoying the interesting anecdotes and information in The Bull. More than ever before, The Bull became a conversation piece and a medium for campus exchange. We have lost these advances and privileges, however, as a result of "sensitive" material printed in The Bull. Well let's think this through. Any speech can be labeled offensive to someone. In the era of "political correctness," speech with which one does not agree is too often perceived as a personal attack.

Since when is Hamilton in the business of telling people what to say or how to think and act? In a nation which allows flag burning, the Ku Klux Klan, and other hate speech and on a campus which celebrates the Clothesline, Kiss-ins, and various speakouts, what does *The Daily Bull* incident indicate about Hamilton's attitude toward free speech? In their actions and rules (particularly Article 3 Section 7), the Hamilton administration and the Student Media Board are stifling exactly the sort of free speech, discussion, and debate which should be treasured in the various forums of a liberal arts institution. Censorship is not foremost among the reasons that we came to Hamilton. Are we really learning if we can't even tolerate the expression of different opinions?

Bill Robb ' 96
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Student Assembly election platforms

Class Treasurers

1997

Avery Cook

I seek to continue to represent our class as Treasurer. Last March, only weeks ago, I was elected by overwhelming write-in population. Due to the short period of time that I have been in office, I was not able to make the contribution that needs to be made for our class. Therefore I would like to have that opportunity. Please Vote for me.

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Mike Peroni

With the changing of the guards comes a new perspective and approach to things. To help ensure that the "new guard" is successful. experience is needed. My name is Mike Peroni, and I am running for the Class of '99 Treasurer. In the last year I have gained the necessary experience to bring a realistic and enthusiastic approach to our class council. Plus, I'm a bank teller.

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LETTER AND OP-ED POLICY

***The Spectator's* Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail, email at "spectator@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

2. Letters should be less than 300 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. *The Spectator* will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes. *The Spectator* also reserves the right not to print letters, or opinion pieces. In such cases, the editor will provide the author with the reasons.

3. If the editor determines that a piece may be libelous, or an unwarranted invasion of privacy, then the piece will not be printed. *The Spectator* reserves the right to correct factual inaccuracies or to refuse to print a piece due to factual inaccuracies.

4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

6. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed. However, letters may be printed with the names withheld upon request, subject to the discretion of the editors.

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Judicial Board

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Erica Weissinger

My name is Erica Weissinger and I am interested in serving as the judicial board representative for the Class of '98. I believe there are numerous behaviors and actions which have become so commonplace within our community that people have lost sight of the respect that used to exist on this campus. However, I think through the hard work of people who want to make a difference, things can turn around. If you want to help initiate change and bring respect back to this campus, Vote Erica Weissinger for Judicial Board Representative.

Erik Porcaro

Hamilton College is obviously in a time of transition which has created numerous dilemmas. As a community we are seeking to find an even ground on which to judge our actions. We are searching for a new definition of both our morals and regulations. Hamilton needs a strong and understanding voice to represent what judicial actions should be taken in these, the most transitional of times. The Judicial Board needs a representative who will recognize the wants of the majority and the needs of the minority. I, Erik Porcaro, am willing and able to fulfill all of these needs.

1999

Ritu Monga

I served for two years on a judiciary board in high school, during which time I heard various types of cases. What I found most important and what I will bring to the Hamilton J Board if elected is the idea of fairness. I strongly believe that every student should be given a fair chance. Equally important to me is protecting the student's rights. I also believe the sanction should fit the violation. Every case is individual in its circumstances and it is the board's duty to recognize and analyse these aspects.

David Haley

In a year of turmoil for Hamilton I believe that justice and good standards of conduct have become especially important. That's why I, Dave Haley, am running for the position of Judicial Board Representative. During the past year I've noticed how our judicial system works and although I believe there are problems there, I am willing to work with in the system to improve upon it. I think that I would be fair and just in my decisions, but I believe that I would also be understanding.

Phil Skalski

Hamilton currently faces change and challenge. Leaders of this community must shape policy through balance and integrity. We must strive towards fairness and understanding. Yet, we must NOT tolerate attacks against members of our community. The J-Board ensures these goals are met. I, Phil Skalski, will work towards freedom of expression that does not violate the rights of any member of the Hamilton community. Through fairness and understanding, we can, and will, make this campus whole.

Ashish Shrestha

Life poses many interesting questions: for example, Why did the cow jump over the moon? Questions like this and many others are difficult to answer because they involve complex issues. Justice, however should be simple, though the distinction between right and wrong is sometimes obscure. A member of the Judicial Board should be able to consider the various nuances of situations and pass judgement only on the alleged misdeed and not the person or people involved. The Judicial Board is not the guardian of moral standards, that should reside within each individual, it must, however, expedite the course of justice.

Susan Falanga

A Judicial Board Representative needs to be open-minded, realistic and objective in all situations. I believe that I can do just that. There are many situations on this campus that are dealt with inadequately and it's time for that to stop. The student body should not have to pay for other people's reckless actions. There are better ways to deal with this. As a J-Board representative, I know that I would do my best to make sure everyone has a fair shot. Help me make a positive impact and vote Susan Falanga for J-Board Representative.

Susan Pedder

As your candidate for the Judicial Board, I strive towards justice on the Hamilton Campus. During my first year, I have witnessed the changes taking place on this campus, changes that demand a fair judicial system. To create fairness, I promise to follow in the good judgement of those who served the Board before me and promise to work in accordance with Hamilton and with you, the student body. Together with the Board, I will strive to uphold Hamilton's traditions. At the same time, I promise to work to incorporate your values and interests into the judicial system.

Todd Marzolf

This is our school and our responsibility. As a candidate for Judicial Board Representative I am willing to hold myself and the rest of the school to reasonable standards of this responsibility. I will bring dedication and a willingness to perform a sometimes unpleasant task to the position. In addition I will bring skills from the many varied decision making positions which I have held. I would be honored to represent you.

Appeals Board

Justin Lew

I am running for appeals board because I feel that I can do a really good job. The appeals process plays a very pivotal role in our system of justice. This school seem to need a person that is honest and fair to be a part of the justice. Vote for me because I am more popular than the Res. Life Decision.

Class Delegates

1997

Jeff Michael

In an era in which those with power (administration, trustees) seemingly exploit those without (students), it is necessary to have a member of Student Assembly who is not afraid to stand up and speak on behalf of *the entire Student Body, who refuses to let buracracy hinder progress, and who would truly dedicate himself to the position of Class Delegate.* As Class Delegate, I would maintain these ideals while working my hardest to insure that Student Assembly works on behalf of the student body and not against them. With no "hidden agendas", I intend to represent the students justly.

Jen Harmon

As seniors, we have a challenging year to face, both individually and as a class. We all want it to be rewarding and memorable. With responsible and committed class officers working with you, you'll be assured an outstanding Senior Week and Commencement. That is why I ask you to please vote for me, Jen Harmon, to be your Class Representative. I am organized, cooperative, and experienced with Student Assembly. Above all, I am dedicated to representing your interests and pulling the Class of 1997 together for a great final year.

1998

Brian Berger

The Res-Life decision has had a negative impact on Hamilton College. Unfortunately, even if I am elected I cannot promise you that I will have it reversed. That would be an unrealistic expectation. I will, however, work to create better social spaces including one outdoors. I will lead the charge for more meal plan options (which you know means less) and better housing options. This school has the potential to be so much better than it has become. I will make it my business to fight for much needed changes.

Elizabeth Katcher

It is that time of year when we all must choose someone who we feel best represents the interests of our class. For two years I have been a dedicated representative for you, the Class of '98. Drawing upon my past experience, I know what it takes to see that our interests and concerns are heard. When you elect someone to represent you, it is a vote for a voice. I am not afraid to speak my mind. If you want to see yourself being truly represented, elect Betsy Katcher for Class Delegate '98. The vote for a voice.

1999

Audra Griss

I'm Audra Griss and I'm running for the re-election of 1999 class delegate. I've really enjoyed being an active member on the Student Assembly this past year. As a responsible and dedicated representative, I have contributed a great deal to both the Central Council and Class Council. I strongly believe that the only way to make change happen is to get involved and be willing to give it your all. If I'm re-elected, I promise that I will continue to work hard and represent you to the best of my ability. Please vote for Audra Griss! Thanks.

Brian Giacometti

O.K., now I am going to make this very simple: every year, a handful of students put their name on a ballot hoping to represent their class as a member of Student Assembly. In order to get elected everyone makes a list of promises that appeal to the voters. Yet, it is difficult to declare any future acheivements now, so I am just going to leave it up to you. If you want something changed, improved, looked into, burned, just tell me, and I will make that given issue a top priority.

Elizabeth Micci

I, Liz Micci, am running for class delegate because I want to become an important part of the Hamilton campus. I feel that as class delegate I will have an important impact on the class on 1996. It is very important to me that our class become a unified force that can work together in achieving its goals. I believe that I have the qualities to lead this class to becoming one of the most influencial on the campus.

John Fantauzzi

I am John Fantauzzi and I am running for Class Delegate. I feel that we should work toward extending the hours the Health Center is open because people do not always get sick on weekdays. I also feel that we as a class should advocate a social honor code which would carry tougher penalties for vandalism and other acts against the Hamilton community. I am running because I care about this campus, and I want it remain the great place that it is. If elected I promise to work my hardest to make Hamilton a better place. Thank you.

Lauren Wright

I, Lauren Wright, am running for the position of class delegate in order to become more involved in important issues occuring on the Hamilton campus. I find it equally important for other students to get more involved and aware of political issues on the hill. Thus, I would like to represent the class of 1999 on the Student Assembly.

Robert Singer

My fellow classmates: Hamilton is at a crossroads. You are the Class of '99. It is your decision whether you want to have a say in what happens here. The students of Hamilton are losing power. The administration is slowly taking away our freedoms and responsibilities. You and every other student are what make this institution so great. Therefore, you should have the power to make the important decisions. As the students of the "New Hamilton", we have the power to change the tide. These changes start when you elect a strong leader. Elect Rob Singer for Class Delegate.

CCC

Chris Plecs

The Community Conference Committee is beginning to be recognized as a body that effectively acts on issues of concern to the community of Hamilton College. This is due to the hard work, and dedication of its members in recent years. As chair, I will ensure that the CCC continues its positive trend, and continues to work toward a better Hamilton College.

Honor Court

1997

Amanda R. Locke

Fellow members of the Class of 1997: Upon enrolling at Hamilton we all sign the Honor Code thereby agreeing to live by high standards of honest and responsibility as a part of our education. In order to uphold those high standards and educate about this important tradition, I would like to continue to serve on the Honor Court as a Senior Class Representative. Having previously served as the Class of 1997 representative to the Judicial Board and currently to the Honor Court, I would bring four semesters of experience to the position.

1998

Laura Solof

My name is Laura Solof and I am running for the position of Class of 1998 Honor Court Representative. I am currently one of the two sophmores serving on the Court and would like to renew my position for the coming year. Having served on the Court this past semester, I understand the provisions of the Honor Code and the way in which the Court operates. I am an open-minded individual, who, if once again given the opportunity, will serve the Court and this college to the best of my ability.

1999

Ashley Woodworth

The Honor Court is a very important aspect of the Hamilton College community. It represents honesty, justice, and trust. I want to be on the Honor Court because it will look good on my resume among other things. As you can see I am very honest and I think this honesty will help the Honor Court. My objective perspective is just what the Honor Court needs. Thank you and please vote for me. "Honest" Ashley Woodworth

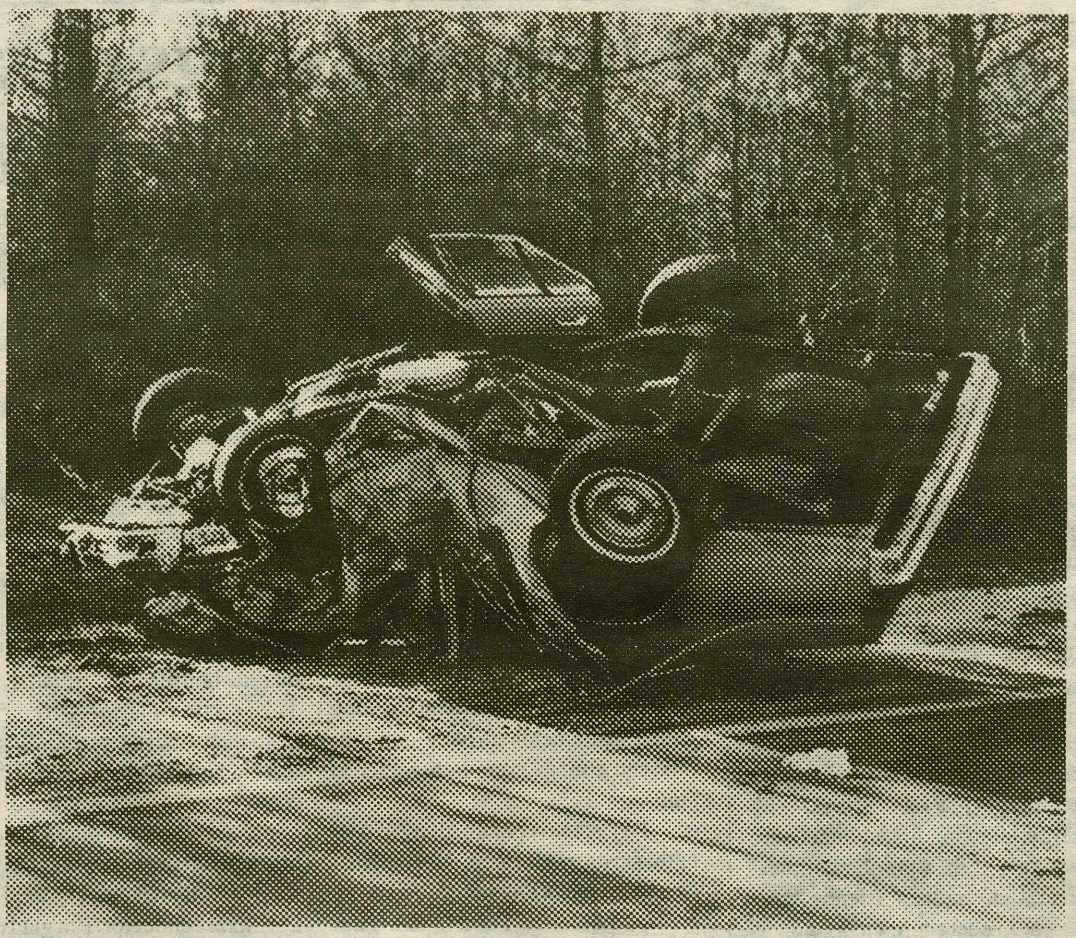
Colin Ramsey

In today's world there are very few traditions that are respected and are thought of as unconditionally "good." These select few should be honored and upheld so they don't become just another idea that we got tired of. It isn't perfect, but Hamilton's Honor Code is one of these "good things". It allows for unproctored exams, take home tests, and gives students the trust and responsiblity we always claim we are so ready for. The Honor Court is not a police service, it is only there to uphold the meaningful tradition that is a part of Hamilton.

David Granville

Beware the outrageous fortunes and draconian justice that has plagued Hamilton in the past! My name is Dave Granville and as a representative of the honor court I would help to educate and protect you the student. Many Hamilton students are unaware of the thin lines between wrongful and appropriate behavior. I will not only uphold the honor code, but also help those accused of breaking it. I feel that a college judicial process should not be seen solely as a disciplinary experience, but also as an educational one. So let me help you, vote for Dave Granville.

VOTE



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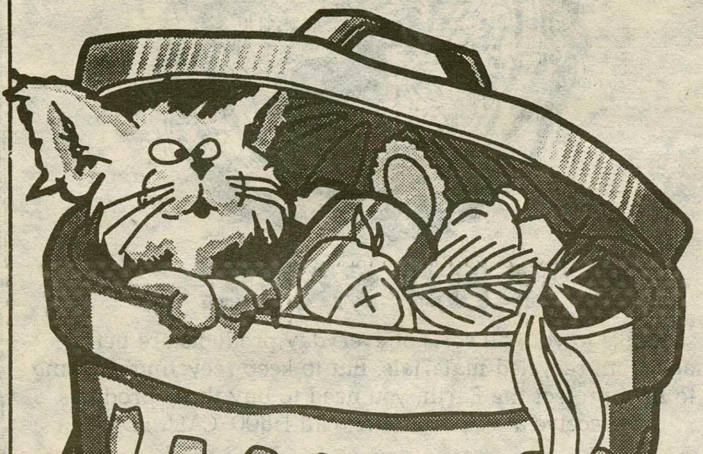

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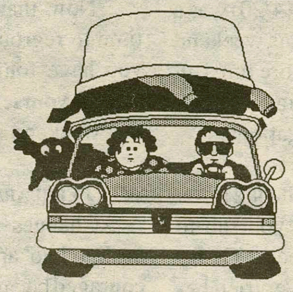

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Prymas rocks Barn

BY EMILY CROKER '99
A&E WRITER

As the audience tapped their feet and swayed their heads to the familiar rhythm and beats, the Events Barn was transformed into a lively jazz club with senior Steve Prymas at center stage. During his years at Hamilton, Steve has been playing with the Jazz Ensemble and the band Grooved Pavement, yet he has also been working on another musical venture as well.

After several years of preparation with Hamilton professor and famed musician Mike "Doctuh" Woods, Steve presented what was the culmination of a major senior project.

Steve was featured as the lead guitarist with six other professional musicians including Monk Rowe, Bill Dicosino, "Doctuh" Mike Woods, Rich Compton, and Matt Donley featured on the sax, keyboard, bass guitar, drums, and percussion. Each of these men displayed their talents in outstanding solos throughout the performance.

Five other musicians of the Hamilton Music Department provided entertainment before the show and as accompaniment for several of the selections. These included Matt Kane and Nat Waterman on violin, Meghan Hallock and Laura Nagle on viola, and Jeffrey Kolb playing the cello.

The performance consisted of nine songs, including several works composed by Mike Woods. After opening with Herbie Hancock's "Dolphin Dance," the group continued with "When Chris is Cross," a special creation for the Doc's son, "My Favorite Things," and "The Road Song" by Wes Montgomery.

Prymas was also able to present his own composition, "Jack in Denver," a work which displayed a mood that was both fast and dynamic as well as slow and mellow. The show ended with famed jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie's classic "A Night in Tunisia." For Steve, this song is an all-time favorite.

Prymas clearly displayed his excitement for the evening as he performed each of the songs with energy, drawing his audience into his work with a similar attitude. Several of Steve's friends were present to cheer him on, as well as family members to share their support and pride in all that he has accomplished.

After proving his remarkable talent Wednesday night, many will probably agree that Prymas's work will not end here- he is certainly destined to carry his abilities into the future and gain further recognition. So if you ever see Prymas featuring in a major New York City jazz club, remember that you saw him here first!

HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26-MAY 2

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

Seek the advice of an elder for problems that are currently bothering you. Sometimes an older perspective is a wiser one than that of your peers.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Try to remain confident in yourself, even though you may be under a lot of criticism lately. Stick to your guns and things will turn out all good

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 21)

This next week may be discouraging. Take some time out to cope with your problems and emotions. The sooner you deal, the sooner you can move on.

LEO
(JULY 22-AUGUST 21)

This past weekend (4/20) was a lot of fun for you, and this weekend may prove to be even more fun. But be careful or you may find yourself buried under your obligations.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 21)

Go out and expose yourself to something new this week. Or try something you have never tried before. Be adventurous and your life may be more interesting.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 21)

Even though you enjoy your dirty habits, they have gotten you into trouble this past week. Be more careful in the future, especially when around authority figures.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 21)

You have been very generous with your time this week, but it's time to realize that you can't be someone's slave forever. Stop it now, while you still have the chance!

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21)

In the next few weeks you may be asked by one of your relatives to visit them. Take them up on their offer because your trip will definetely be enlightening.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 21)

You've been acting very suave around your friends of the opposite sex recently, but your charm and good looks will only take you so far. Quit the Don Juan act.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 22-FEBRUARY 21)

Now that you've taken some time to regroup after spring break, you have found yourself slacking off. Sit yourself down in the library this weekend and catch-up.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 21)

Changes in your life are still destined to arrive. Don't get discouraged because when the changes arrive, they may be just whqt you need to help you get by.

ARIES
(MARCH 22-APRIL 21)

Calm down. You have been way too stressed out lately. Take some time to clear your head before finals get here. You will be sure to perform all that much better.

Oratorio sings of sex, drinking in 'Carmina Burana,' 'Psalms'

BY BENJAMIN ZOLL '99
A&E WRITER

Thinking about drinking, gambling, or just plain old sex? Well, the Hamilton College Oratorio Society was singing about them Wednesday, April 23. That's right. A concert that lasted for two hours featured the *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff, and the less lyrically controversial "Symphony of Psalms" by Igor Stravinsky.

Backed by the Syracuse Symphony and a few Hamilton students, and with the Hamilton College Choir singing the small chorus part of the *Carmina*, the recital was an exciting gathering of members of the community and college coming together to sing.

The stage contained over 150 enthusiastic performers. Not the least of those performers included Jane Kemp, Laurence Popiel, and Paul Busselberg, the soloists for the *Carmina*. "The Baritone soloist [Busselberg] was great. He really brought out the comedy of the piece. He really played the comic parts of the *Carmina* up. He had a beautiful voice," said Alexandra Walker '99. "I think everyone really enjoyed the chance to sing the *Carmina Burana*," said Amanda Phillips '99, a soprano with the Oratorio Society. "The *Carmina Burana* is an interesting piece of music. It's very dramatic and easy to get into."

One of the obvious reasons that the *Carmina* was enjoyable were the references to sex and beer. The *Carmina Burana* features sections titled "In Taberna" (In the Tavern) which describes the gambling, drinking, and debauchery of those who are on the bottom of fortune's wheel. This section earned Orff criticism from many, but the piece is an overall lesson about the dangers of these "sins."

Conductor Thomas Lloyd did a brilliant job in getting out the desired sounds from the choir. "Tom Loyd is a brilliant conductor. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to have worked with him, especially performing such interesting pieces," said Phillips.

The Stravinsky is three Psalms set to music, which, typical to Stravinsky, can sound quite dissonant. It was this dissonance that made Stravinsky a *persona non grata* in Nazi Germany, where it was believed these types of sounds were believed to be anti-order, and therefore anti-Nazi. Orff was heavily influenced by Stravinsky in his works, but the immense popularity of his works prevented the Nazis from banning it.

The popularity of it still hasn't died, as witnessed by the large turnout in Wellin to hear the tunes. "I thought there was a good turnout." said Walker. "The crowd was really getting into it. Some of them weren't paying attention to the translations [translations of the works, which were all in Latin or High Middle German, were provided at the door] but they still enjoyed the show."

The Carmina was overwhelming. The crowd echoed these sentiments by giving a long standing ovation. "I thought that the music was really powerful." said Walker. "The music was really strong, especially the end. The Orchestra was beautiful, I really liked the flutes. The string section was really strong. The choir's voices were beautiful."

CAB lets students take virtual trip

BY MARK R. WILSON '99
A&E EDITOR

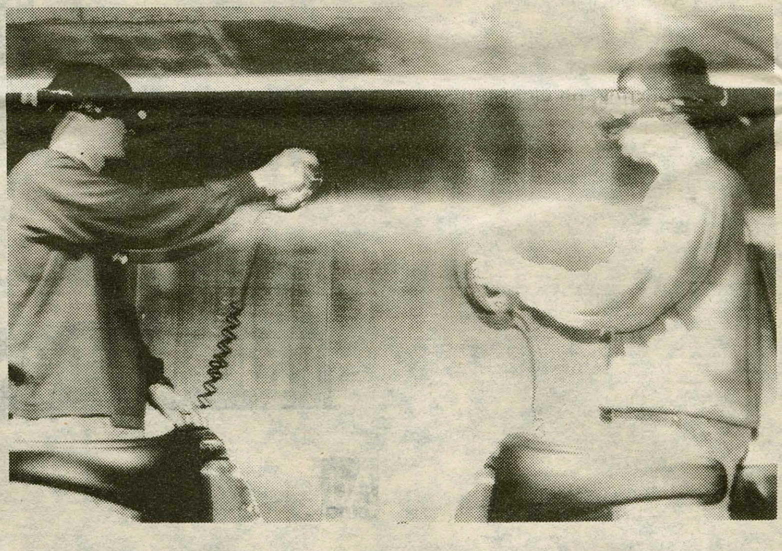

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99
Students don goggles to enter the computer generated world.

"A stereoscopic 3-D, 360 degree adventure into an artificial world." An LSD trip sponsored by CAB? No, it's Virtuality at Cafe Opus. On a rainy Thursday evening, eager students stood in line for up to thirty minutes just to catch a glimpse of this computer generated world.

Curiosity compelled me to join the countless other Hamiltonians on line to don a futuristic helmet and wield a Buck Rogersesque photon gun. And although the actual response by students after trying the Virtuality games was mixed, the event was a great success and a fun time was had by all.

"It was a little different than what I had expected, but it was definitely a cool experience. It was also pretty difficult to get the hang of the game, but once I did, I was blasting Wilson all over the gamefield!" said Jon Tucker '99 on his experience at the CAB sponsored event.

With four "pods" and two different virtual reality games to choose from, students were either shooting their guns at animated villains and larger-than-life bugs or shooting at each other in a cartoon man-hunt. After being fitted with an oversized helmet that fit over my eyes, I was transformed into a computer-generated world where my body moves were recreated and I pressed a button to walk. Once there, I was free to roam around this *Lawnmower Man*-like world and "shoot" my playing partner at will.

Each student had approximately five minutes to frolic around this cartoon world and take their aggressions out on their fellow classmates or huge flying pterodactyls. The event was definitely deemed a success and many of the students I spoke with look forward to similar CAB events in the future.

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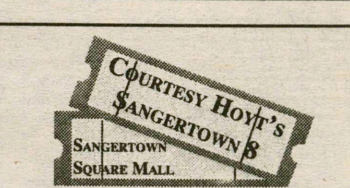
Arts & Entertainment

MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE KIDS IN THE HALL: BRAIN CANDY — A

SGT. BILKO — F



By Gina Carbone '99
A&E Writer

The Kids in the Hall: Brain Candy

In the beginning, there was darkness and depression. In 1989, God's light shined down on the world and bestowed upon us unworthy humans our salvation: The Kids in the Hall. Yes, the Kids in the Hall, God's most fantastic feat since Yoo Hoo, the Toronto based comedy troupe that performed on HBO, Comedy Central, and NBC for 5 years before their untimely dissolution in July of 1994. But they are back! All five kids: David Foley, Bruce McCulloch, Mark McKinney, Kevin McDonald, and Scott Thompson reunited to make this zany comedy.

McDonald is the main star playing Chris Cooper, a scientist for Roritor Pharmaceuticals who invents the drug, Gleemonex, which will cure depression. His boss, Don, played by McKinney, forces him to release the drug before it has been fully tested. After a short period of happiness, pill-takers lapse into a coma, lost inside their happiest thought. The movie consists of the effects of the drug on the general population, and how if effects Cooper in his new life as a celebrity, and the one man who attempts to stop the pill. So see: it does have a plot! This isn't just mindless slapstick, oh ye of little faith.

Each kid plays multiple roles, including most of the female ones. For instance, McCulloch plays Cooper's fellow scientist and love interest and McDonald plays the wife to Thompson's closet gay pill-taker. Thompson also plays Mrs. Herdicure, who is Gleemonex's first victim, McKinney reprises his famous roles as Nina, this time a talk-show host, and the white trash girlfriend of McCulloch's. Foley is my favorite as a guy who shows up every now and then randomly to show support of whomever just spoke. Foley also plays Don's obsequious lackey, a psychiatrist, and Mrs. Herdicure's son.

Foley is the only kid not credited for writing the script. This is due his being "out of the loop," as McKinney puts it, because of his busy schedule in NBC's News Radio. He is the most successful kid, while McKinney and McCulloch are stuck back at Saturday Night Live, and Thompson has a supporting role on the Larry Sanders Show.

McDonald recently gave a hilarious performance in *National Lampoon's Senior Trip*, but he has not been in anything steady since the break up.

And who could blame him? Has the world really been right since The Kids in the Hall separated? Think about it: in 1994 and 1995 we've had the OJ Simpson trial, the Oklahoma bombings, escalated problems in Bosnia, Whitewater, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, everything but the locusts. It is obvious –we need The KIds in the Hall back on the air for the sake of the free world. I'm not thinking of myself, I'm thinking of you. How can we sit by and let the world crumble around us when our salvation is so clear. Therefore, we should petition not only for a Kids in the Hall reunion and sequel to Brain Candy, but also at least another 5 years on television. I think they owe us that much.

Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures

Kids in the Hall, kings of Canadian comedy, make it to the big screen with *Brain Candy*.

Photo courtesy MGM/UA

Dan Aykroyd is Colonel Hall in *Sgt. Bilko*.

Sgt. Bilko

For some reason that I cannot fathom, someone decided that this movie would be funny. They obviously never read the script. All of the oldest jokes in the book were dusted off and passed around throughout the movie. Steve Martin was paid $7 million to play Bilko, who is a gambling fool who runs a casino at an army base.

Dan Aykroyd plays the idiotic, yet softhearted colonel who is blind to Bilko and his company's outrageous stunts. Phil Hartman joins the cast as Bilko's long time nemesis who was framed for one of Bilko's betting fiascos and sent to Greenland for years. Naturally, he returns and seeks revenge. Naturally, he fails and things turn out as predictably as they possibly could.

That such wonderful actors like Martin, Aykroyd, and Hartman could bear to see their names in connection with this horror show slapped me into the harsh reality that artistic integrity is obsolete. If they can get $7 million for making fools of themselves and destroying their credibility as actors, they'll take it and won't look back. It is sad. Hollywood has become infested with Jim Carreys and Demi Moores who demand $20 million for every picture.

It is ridiculous to pay seven and eight figure salaries to people who are only on the set for an average of about 7 or 8 weeks. Hollywood needs more unknowns. A new generation of actors who can "settle" for salaries closer to five and six figures. It will never happen - not as long as the public keeps on paying $7 an $8 to see trash like this movie. We have to fight back against the system. Movies like this are not worth 7 cents never mind $7 or $7 million.

BUDDHA'S BUZZ

Power of Gravity witnessed by lucky few

By Peter Gaston '99
Managing Editor

There were lines for Virtuality, the CAB-sponsored virtual reality game, in Cafe Opus all day yesterday as the event had been publicized all over campus. Unfortunately, the lack of visible promotion for last Friday's Thanks to Gravity concert prevented many from seeing a quality show. Lack of Springfest did not help attendance either.

The New Hampshire quartet took the stage in the Events Barn at nine to a crowd totaling about 25, including seven CAB board members. Those in attendance saw Thanks to Gravity run through an emotional set of tunes from their latest release, *Slingshot*, their three other albums, and a few covers.

"Bobsled" got things going for the handful of dancers with its lively rhythm and fine violin solo by frontman Andy Happel. Also cool was "The Last Time," a smooth-flowing love song.

For me, the set sparkled with two quirky covers. First was the Talking Heads' "Stay Up Late," a moronic song about how parents of the eighties treat their children like objects. The Gravity version was more or less identical to the Heads version, but it was a humorous interlude in TTG's more explorative music.

Also interesting was TTG's take on Madonna's "Justify My Love," the controversial song whose video was banned from MTV. Thanks to Gravity included "Justify My Love" on *Slingshot* for good reason. It blends the sultry nature of Madonna with the sweeping violin and synthesizers of Thanks to Gravity.

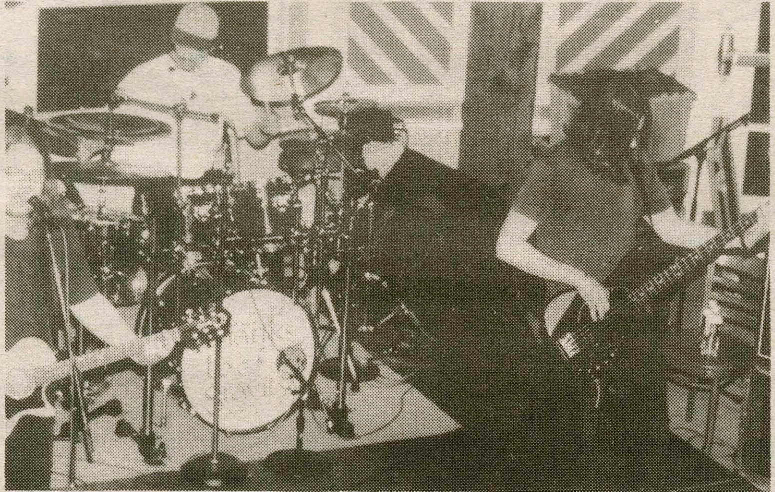
Despite the sparse crowd, the band remained intense throughout led by Happel's arching vocals. Bassist Drew Wyman and drummer Sean Daniels, the driving forces behind the Gravity groove, were tighter than an administrator's butt, and "Feelix" Coghran tickled his keyboards.

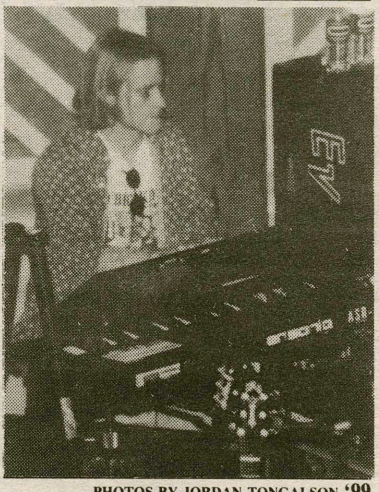
WHCL deejay Eric Ritvo '96 and I had the chance to chill with Wyman and Daniels at the Diner prior to the show. We talked about TTG's new deal with Capitol Records and how it might affect the band's future.

Wyman expressed excitement that his band's music could be distributed to a larger audience. TTG plans to shoot a video and continue to tour in support of the new release.

One topic we touched upon was the idea of "selling out" in the mass media frenzy surrounding roots rock bands these days. Wyman sees nothing wrong with making videos and trying to attract a bigger following. Touring, he said, is the avenue that some bands use to make their income, like Phish. TTG would be happier, he said, focusing on albums and rewarding fans with tours afterwards.

Look for the new album in 1997.





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Despite a sparse Events Barn crowd, Thanks to Gravity put on a quality performance.

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At 8 pm, Thomas Bass, Scholar in Residence, presents a non-fiction reading entitled Vietnamerica: The War Comes Home in the Events Barn.

Wednesday

Senior Nicholas Malafis gives his Senior Fellowship presentation entitled The Synthesis of Potential Anti-Tumor Agents at 7 pm in room 112 of the Chemistry Building.

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Friday and Saturday at 11 pm. Sponsored by E.L.S. Bristol Terrace.

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Do the Right Thing.

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Thursday

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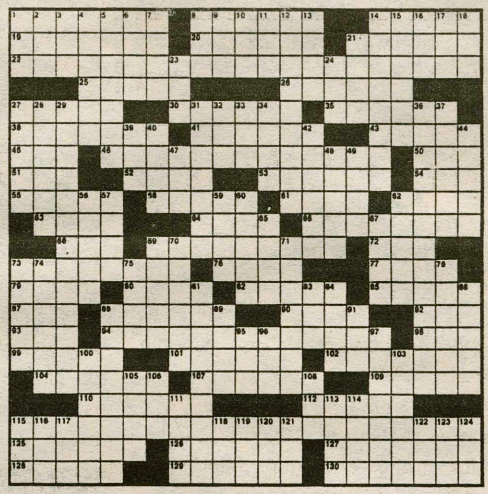

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Continentals tame Panthers

Ready for run in NESCAC's

By Matt Nolan '98
SPORTS STAFF

With a decisive victory over Middlebury this past weekend at home in their pocket, the mens and womens track teams travel to Amherst for the NESCAC Championships this weekend. Wrapping up an undefeated dual meet season, both sides of the Conts track attack are looking strong and hope to see strong performances out of athletes returning from injury.

On the men's side the meet against Middlebury this past weekend marked the final home meet for several senior on the team, all of whom garnered first place performances for the team. As has been characteristic of the indoor and outdoor seasons the victory was a result of a strong team effort, with all areas and contests contributing.

Leading the way were first place performances from Andrew Bomann '96 (800m), Sam Hoffman '96 (Hammer), Dave Brunk '96 (110 & 400m hurdles), and Chip Gibbons '96 (Pole Vault).

Strong distance and middle distance competitions marked the meet in both mens and womens competitions, the sprints, however, were more a mixed bag. On the women's side Tiffany Chappell '98 ran well as did Heather Reichart '99, while the men's side was not as strong. A strong Middlebury contingent in these events edged out the likes of Kelby Valenti '99, and Gibbons, as the temporary loss of Joe Woods '99 showed.

This weekend's contest at the home of the Lord and Lady Jeffs will be a test as the teams face schools of similar character. Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Connecticut, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams make up the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference). And with the exception of the Williams program these schools represent teams comparable to the Conts. Competition will likely be tough, as the field will undoubtedly contain many quality athletes in a variety of events.

Walker joins century club

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Hamilton nearly pulled it out at the end with freshman Steve Keyes-Grevelis at the number 3 spot. Grevelis went three sets in a grueling match to lose at the last moment.

The Continentals finally returned to Hamilton with a second place finish at the Nazareth Tournament. Back for their first home match in quite a while, the Continentals took on LeMoyne on Monday afternoon. Hamilton would win 5-2, but not without excitement. The match had to be moved inside before the completion of the doubles matches due to a severe thunderstorm. The quick change to indoor courts was obviously too much for LeMoyne, as Walker, Nussbaum, Lopez-O'Dwyer, all doubles teams and freshman Zane Murdock were all able to take victories.

On Wednesday, the Continentals took their show on the road again, and travelled to Union College. With three of their top four players out of the lineup, the Continentals were still able to take a win. Walker played first singles for the first time in his career, but showed no fear. Lopez-O'Dwyer, Nussbaum, Shoaff, and Murdock all also won their matches to take the meet 5-2.

This weekend, the Continentals travel to Williams College in Massachusetts for the NESCAC tournament. On the strength of eight victories in their last nine contests, team moral is high. Greg Nussbaum commented that "the team has raised its level of play and should make a good showing; a top six finish is realistic."

Roberts rocks UCAA rivals

Junior leads lacrosse into playoffs

By Jon Gilbert '98
SPORTS STAFF

PHOTO JULIE LOSAURO '99

Captain Isabel Roberts '97 has propelled the women's lacrosse team into the UCAA playoffs. Roberts has 27 goals and 14 assists for the season.

Throughout the season Isabel Roberts '97 has been putting up outstanding offensive numbers for the Women's Lacrosse team. As captain of the team, Isabel scored three goals, one of those being the eleventh goal, in last Monday's defeat of Oneonta. It was this key goal, during a 10-0 scoring run, that brought the team into the lead and ultimately to a victory over Oneonta 17-10.

At second home, Isabel has scored 27 goals, 14 assists, totaling 41 points for the season, including last Monday's win. Coming off this win, Isabel has 96 career points and still has two games left in the regular season.

Isabel is originally from Garrison, New York, but went to St. Pauls, a boarding school in New Hampshire, her sophomore year in high school. At St. Pauls, Isabel first started playing lacrosse. Before tenth grade she had never played and now as a junior, in her sixth season, she is the leading scorer for Hamilton. Along with being on the starting line of the women's varsity team at St. Pauls, she also played soccer and ice hockey. Lacrosse and ice hockey are the only two sports which she has continued onto here at Hamilton.

Isabel owes her determination to her family. She states that even though she is in a large family, six siblings altogether, her family is always there to support her. "My family is awesome," she said, in reference to the mainstay that they have provided for her throughout the years of sports. Isabel has an older sister, brother, twin sister, and an younger sister and brother. With her twin sister a Wesleyan, Isabel faces family bragging rights when they play each other in ice hockey. Until Hamilton's womens team stopped playing Wesleyan's team, the sisters also used to face off against one another in lacrosse.

Upon being asked about her achievements and goals, as a player, she said "I hope to get better in every game. I don't think that I have been playing up to my full potential." And if this is true Isabel should have no problem helping the team to their goal of being in a twelfth consecutive appearance in the state playoffs.

Isabel admits that she enjoys the thrill of competition. To her, "It is a great break from all the school work." But she does like to get away from the competition and participate in other leisure activities. Some of these activities include sleeping, a Hamilton favorite, writing letters, and fly fishing. Taught by her father, Isabel has enjoyed fly fishing for several years during the summer.

The Continentals will play Hartwick and Cortland next week on their road to the state playoffs. Isabel is focused on the games ahead and has high hopes for the team. The only thing that she is still concerned about is that, "we need fans." So go see the women's lacrosse team on their way to state playoffs and congratulate Isabel Roberts for being Hamilton Athlete of the Week.

Hamilton's "Taz"-manian devils squeeze Orangemen to pulp, 15-3

By Jeremy McKittrick '96
SPECIAL TO THE *SPECTATOR*

The Hamilton ultimate disc team, or Taz, as they choose to call themselves, is once again going strong. They have quite a strong squad this year, with a core group of experienced players. Taylor Richey, Yair Kahan, and Jeremy McKittrick provide experience and leadership, while many newer players are becoming skilled enough to fill what is a strong seven on the field. Brian Brush and Hank Arnold, sophomores, are becoming mainstays of the team and figure prominently in the teams future.

To start out the spring season, Taz began with a few scrimmages against Colgate, all of which were easily won. Taz received strong play from all members, including John Reilly 96 and Brett Stratton 96. "I like to hurl my body into solid objects, like the ground, at any given provocation." says Stratton, whose energetic, fly-by-the-seat-of-his-pants style of play creates many turnovers for Taz to capitalize on.

Taz was invited, earlier this year, to play in the Carrier Dome against Scooby Doom, Syracuse's disc squad. Taz was forced to stay home by a bitter winter storm, which was obviously sent by some deity encharged with Syracuse's protection.

When Stratton called to reschedule, Syracuse responded that the offer didn't still stand, because they were "looking to up their competition level".

Weeks passed with Taz fuming over this outrageous and obviously unfounded remark. Finally, an opportunity! Colgate called to invite Taz to a tournament which Syracuse was attending. After much chanting and burning of effigies, Taz set out, last Saturday, to regain their honor in the mud and rain.

The day dragged on, and Taz had only eight players, providing only one substitute for the sever player sport. After dispatching Colgate, Taz faced their nemesis, Scooby Doom, in the finals. The game started slowly, with each club scoring three points, and then the highlights began. Every single player on the team, including red shirted senior Kriko Michaels, was all over the field. Blocks, catches, throws, all perfect. Syracuse was left in a dumbfounded stupor as Hamilton rolled on to a 15-3 victory. Says Jeremy McKittrick 96, "Those punks can't talk no smack about Taz, nowhere, nohow!"

> **"I like to hurl my body into solid objects, like the ground, at any given provocation."**
> **-- Brett Stratton '96**

This past weekend Taz went to a tournament at RIT. The competition was tough, considering the fact that the schools they competed against were much larger that Hamilton. It was just like the Hamilton basketball team competing against the Orangemen.

The first match was against Buffalo, and it was a tough match. The score stayed close, with the teams only a couple of points apart throughout.

Taz felt the loss of John Reilly, who strained his groin when he fell over before the game even began. However, with Reilly's encouragement from the sidelines, Taz managed to rally at the end of the match to win 10-9.

With only five minutes of rest, Taz began its second match against Rochester. The starting seven came out strong with an early 6-2 lead, but it would not last. Suffering from fatigue and bogged down in the ankle deep mud, Taz could not hang on and lost, as Buffalo did, 10-9.

Though Taz didn't place in the tournament, they have proved themselves by their ability to play with teams from much larger schools. Wins over Syracuse and Buffalo are an incredible accomplishment for Taz, but they are certainly not a surprise to the players.

"I knew we had it in us," says Richey. "Our commitment to training rules and conditioning is the key."

The spring season is coming to a close, and Taz has earned respect among other, larger teams. The loss of several seniors will certainly be a blow to the team next year, but the younger players should be able to pick up the slack.

Hopefully, with this year's winning season, more interest in Ultimate Disc will appear at Hamilton and the teams winning ways will continue continue in the futu re (assuming, of course, that the J-Board doesn't outlaw sports).

This Week In Hamilton Sports

Go Conts!	Men's Baseball	Men's Golf	Men's Lacrosse	Women's Lacrosse	Men's Tennis	Women's Softball	Track & Field
Friday April 26			Union 4 pm				
Saturday April 27	Clarkson (2) 1 pm	Division III Championship @ Williams TBA		Hartwick 4 pm	NESCAC @ Amherst 3 pm	Union (2) 1 pm	NESCAC @ Amherst 3 pm
Sunday April 28	St. Lawrence (2) Noon						
Monday April 29							
Tuesday April 30					Hobart 4 pm		
Wednesday May 1				NYSWCAA First Round 4 pm		Oswego (2) 3:30 pm	
Thursday May 2							
Friday May 3	Ithaca 3:30 pm						NYSWCAA @ Rensselaer 4 pm

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Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Mark Granovsky *Spectator Sports Editor*	Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor*	Jason Santarcangelo *Associate Editor*	Damon Lopez O'Dwyer *Associate Editor*	Scott Kocher Junior *Guest #12*
	Last Week: 7-5 To date: 86-49	Last Week: 9-3 To date: 92-43	Last Week: 8-4 To date: 96-39	Last Week: 10-2 To date: 88-47	Last Week's Guest: Avery Cook '97 7-5
NBA					
Detroit at Orlando 4/26	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	Detroit
Phoenix at San Antonio 4/26	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio	Phoenix
Miami at Chicago 4/26	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Miami
Sacremento at Seattle 4/26	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Sacremento
New York at Cleveland 4/27	New York	Cleveland	New York	New York	Cleveland
Houston at Los Angeles 4/27	Houston	Houston	Houston	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Atlanta at Indiana 4/27	Atlanta	Indiana	Atlanta	Indiana	Indiana
Portland at Utah 4/27	Utah	Portland	Utah	Utah	Portland
NHL					
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay 4/27	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Washington at Pittsburgh 4/26	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Washington
Montreal at NY Rangers	New York	New York	New York	New York	Montreal
Florida at Boston 4/27	Boston	Boston	Boston	Florida	Florida
Winnepeg at Detroit 4/26	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Winnepeg
Toronto at St. Louis 4/26	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Toronto

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NBA Playoffs kick off

Rockets rise again

TripMacCracken Scorecard

In the NBA: As the NBA playoffs began last night, let's look at some of the first round matchups. The #1 seed in the East, Chicago, takes on Miami, which barely snuck into the playoffs. Pat Riley and Phil Jackson have faced one another before, when the Knicks-Bulls series were the stuff on Conference Championships. Jackson has won 11 of 20 playoff games against Riley, and two of the three series. While the Bulls are everyone's pick to reach the championship, don't be surprised if the Alonzo Mourning and the Heat make this series an interesting one... The Orlando-Detroit series won't be quite as close. The Magic have been hiding in the Bulls shadow for most of the season. The Magic will face the Bulls in the Conference Finals. No surprise there... The Atlanta-Indiana series marks Christian Laettner's return to a playoff atmosphere, after the former Duke star spent the past three years in Minnesota. The difference is that when Laettner was in college, he was better than everyone else, so he had a huge impact. Don't expect the same notoriety from the man who made the shot to win the most exciting game in college hoops history... New York-Cleveland will be a real exciting series, if you like games in which both teams score less than 75 points. The only noteworthy part of this series is that the winner gets to lose to the Bulls in Round 2... In the West, the matchups are more interesting, in that there's no clear-cut favorites like Chicago and Orlando. Seattle, the #1 seed, has a history of playoff choke jobs. Against Sacramento, their first round opponent, there's not a chance of that happening again. Besides the fact that Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp are more mature is the fact that Sacramento didn't even have a .500 winning percentage during the regular season...San Antonio-Phoenix should be interesting, though. While the Spurs have better depth, the Suns have Charles Barkley. When Sir Charles is healthy, as he is at the outset of the series, he can single-handedly win games. Previous Suns playoff exits have been marked by Barkley's absence due to injury. Although the Spurs have better all-around talent, I wouldn't be surprised to see the Suns put together a string of three games and send the Spurs packing... Portland-Utah shapes up as one of the better matchups, with the always a bridesmaid Jazz looking, once again, to go somewhere in the playoffs. Not gonna happen. The Blazers are the hottest team in the West, and the Jazz are satisfied if they don't win. So, they won't... The last series, Houston versus the Lakers, pits the repeating NBA champions against the Magic-led LA squad looking to return to the form which took them to four championships in the 1980's. This is the first year in quite awhile that they really have the talent to do anything. But too many distractions, a la Ceballos and Van Exel, spell e-x-i-t for the Laker gang... The Rockets, after eliminating the Lakers, will beat the Sonics and Blazers on their way to their third consecutive championship series appearance. In the Bulls-Rockets Championship series, well, any team that wins 72 regular season games had better win the title. That's all there is to it...

In Baseball: Chris Sabo and Eric Davis appear to be making successful comeback attempts in Cincinnati. Although the season is still young, Davis is hitting .245 with four homers and 10 RBI, while Sabo is hitting .314 with 2 homers and 7 RBI. Granted the season is young, but Davis home run total puts him on pace to hit 30 for the year. Certainly, productive years from the two veterans would make Reds GM Jim Bowden look like a genius, after everyone else in baseball had written Davis and Sabo off...

In the NFL: New England didn't take long to make a decision on its fifth round draft pick, defensive tackle Christian Peter from Nebraska. Apparently, the Pats weren't aware of Peter's off-the-field problems, including incidents of assault, disturbing the peace, trespassing, and refusing to comply with a police officer. Peter has also been accused of raping a woman in 1991. On Wednesday, just three days after selecting Peter, the Pats released the troubled star, saying his behavior was unacceptable, and if they had been aware of his record, they would not have selected him. Another team will give this guy a shot. Probably Al Davis' Raiders...

In the NHL: Before Thursday night's game with the Florida, the Bruins had gone 2-13 at home in the playoffs since the start of the 1992 Conference Finals. Boston's record 29th consecutive playoff appearance is in jeopardy, as the Panthers held a 3-0 series lead at press time...Detroit can clinch their series with Winnipeg at home tonight... Wayne Gretzky has stated that he intends to remain St. Louis next year...

Misc.: Michigan sophomore basketball player Willie Mitchell announced his plans to transfer, becoming the fifth player to leave Steve Fisher's squad in the past two years... UConn's Ray Allen has declared that he will forego his senior year of eligibility for the NBA, while Utah's Keith Van Horn has decided to stay in school...

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Sports

Andris and crew champs of the Erie Barge Canal

MARK GRANOVSKY
THE BATTING CAGE

"The secret of our success is comraderie. There is so much energy and support for each other," explains Head Coach of Crew Jason Andris '96. Andris has been head coach of men's and women's crew at Hamilton since his sophomore year. Since becoming coach in Fall of '93, the Hamilton program has increased in popularity and prestige.

What's a Hamiton student doing as head coach? Good question. The story dates back to 1992. "Two seniors (Sunshine McCoy '93 and Steve Reynolds '93) approached me and asked if I was interested in coaching next fall along with Tom Brennan '94." The beauty of the sport, competition, and tradition originally drew Andris to the sport. As a student attending St. Paul's school in New Hampshire, Andris coxed for four years.

While describing himself as just a "cog in the machine" at St. Paul's, he discovered that he was very important for Hamilton Crew. He jumped at the chance to coach at Hamilton, and such he has done for three years. During this time, he has received help from Jim Morehead '95, Leandre Waldo '97, and Gavin Barber '96. However, as Andris adds, "There are also countless others who help with all aspects of the program."

Hamilton College crew was founded in the Fall of 1983 by David Hornblower '86 and Chris Daniels '84. When Andris took over in Fall of 1993, Hamilton crew suffered a high turnover rate, limited equipment, and a need for a boathouse. Now in its thirteenth season, Hamilton college crew is in something of a renaissance. Boasting 63 members in the Fall of 1995, the numbers are significantly up from 42 people in Fall of 1992.

The crew rows on the Erie Barge Canal in nearby Rome every day at 4:00 pm. Erie Barge canal runs from Buffalo to Albany and provides twenty miles between locks for the team. Andris calls the canal "perfect for rowing" and mentions that spectators watch them all the time. Practice is divided between dry land training and rowing. Training can vary as Fall crew prepares for the 5,000 meter, and Spring crew competes in the 2,000 meter sprint. "You apply a different strategy for different races."

"We feel independent of the athletic department," comments Andris. With "token funding" from the Athletic Department, Hamilton crew charges dues of fifty dollars to row in the fall, and thirty dollars for the Spring. While this is not suppossed to prevent people from rowing, Andris explains "we could not enter regattas otherwise."

In the fall of 1994, the Hamilton Office of Communication and Development allowed the crew to raise money from parents and alumni. All money from dues and the College goes toward the annual budget. "We buy our own uniforms, boat, and enter the regattas on our own. Money is also spent constantly spent on gas for the coaching launch and transportation to practice and to maintain old equipment.

"We paid $15,000 for the boathouse. Rome [made up the difference] which turned out to be more than half the cost well." The team also makes use of the picnic tables and patios provided by the town. "It's funny, but that's why Rome built the patio in the first place."

Crew purchased three used boats built between 1990-1992. "We have reconditioned four others." The rack system and work bench were built by a parent. "We also put in electricity before Christmas of '95," adds Andris. None of the dues are spent on capital purchases.

Hamilton crew went to the prestigious Head of the Charles in Cambridge, Massachusetts in October 1995. The men finished 29th out of 61 teams in the race and Andris notes that they defeated Union, Amherst, and Notre Dame. The women have also met success, including a second place finish by novice women in the Head of the Fish Regatta out of 36 teams. The team showed their potential with a victory over a formidable Williams, Skidmore, and Colgate squads.

Every NESCAC and USAC has crew and eight of the eleven schools have varsity teams. Bowdoin and Middlebury do not have varsity teams, but both have professional coaches on the college payroll. Hamilton has the energy to compete with these schools. "We are the only NESCAC school like this, and the only school in Upstate New York," responds Andris.

What does this mean for the future? With Andris about to graduate, a search is on for a full-time coach for next year. "We are prepared to hire someone for next year, but its unknown whether the college will help us out or not," explains Andris. If the crew chose to hire a coach full-time, they would have to raise money within a year to maintain this position. Andris points out, "The coach would have to raise money for himself for the '97-98 year." But, the money would last longer if crew chose to hire just a part-time coach.

The Hamilton crew will compete in the Patriot League Championships on Delta Lake in Rome this Saturday, April 27th. Hamilton will next compete in the New York Sates in Rome on the weekend of May 4rd-5th. Why in Rome? "The reason is that Hamilton crew is in Rome. The mayor brought the tournament here as an attempt to increase tourism in the area. "All the hotels in Rome are booked for the next three weekends." This regatta is a qualifier for the Division III championship in Worcester, MA the following weekend. Andris concludes, "We look forward to two weekends of great racing and hope to see some Hamilton spectators there as well."

St. John Fisher sinks softball

BY JASON SANTARCANGELO '98
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

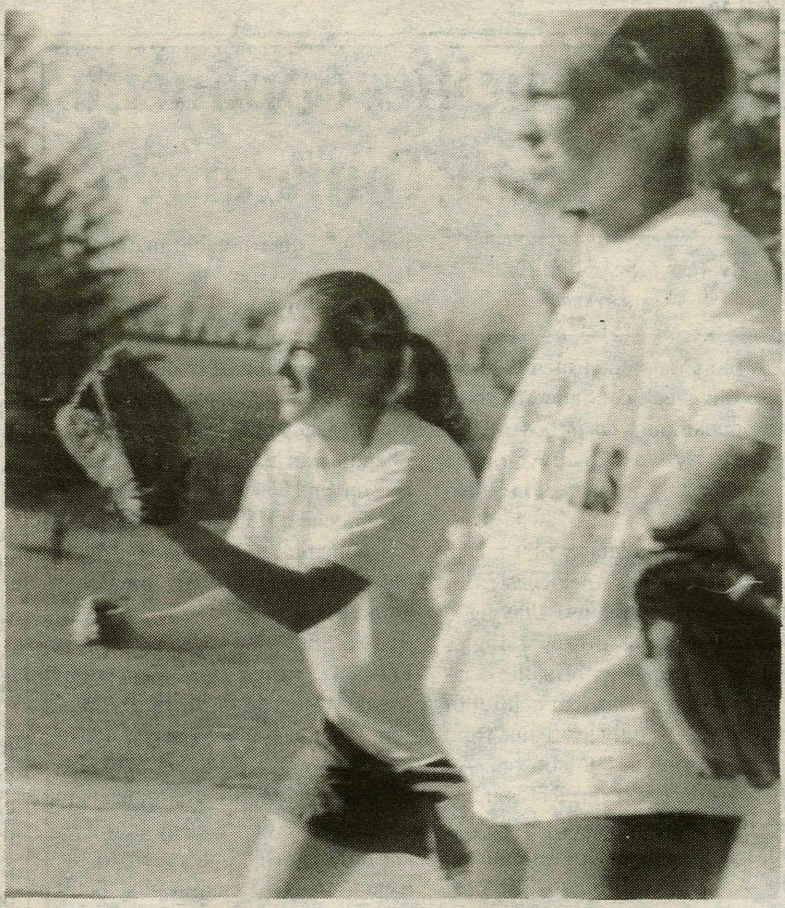

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Softball dropped three games this week by a combined score of 18-7.

The 1996 women's softball campaign has been remarkably successful and stand one game above the .500 mark at 11-10 with one week remaining in the season. As senior Betsy Crary '96 pointed out "we have maintained a good attitude even though we have played a very strenuous schedule this season." The weather has not helped the team, forcing them to make-up many of the games that have been washed out by the rain or in some cases snow. That has resulted in road trips in excess of 12 hours at a time to get the job done.

On Monday the 22nd, the team traveled to Troy, NY to face off in a double header against the Engineers of RPI. The Continentals suffered a 7-2 setback in the first game. Academic All-American Karen Werkhoven '96 provided the offense as she drove in both of the runs on a single. Gretchen Randall '98 and Kerri Page '98 each garnered two hits in the loss. In the night cap, the Conts took revenge squeaking out a 9-8 victory. Co-Captain Kristen Ring '96 and Crary sparked the offense accounted for six of the eight runs as they each went one for two, with two RBI's and one run scored. Co-Captain Michelle Pickett '96 had a great day at the plate going 3 for 5. Randall had another solid game as she went 2 for 4 at the plate and stole two of the Continentals seven bases.

Two days before they Continentals traveled to powerhouse St. John Fisher where they lost to close games 6-3 and 5-2. In the first game the Conts out hit St. John Fisher nine to six thanks in part to Lowey Bundy '96 3 for 3 effort at the plate. Bundy had the Buff and Blue's only RBI of the first game. Werkhoven went 2 for 3 at the in the losing effort. In the second game, Pickett notched a run scoring double while Bundy drove the Continentals only other run in on a sacrifice fly.

Werkhoven continues to the lead the team with a .447 batting average and .554 on base percentage. Page is not far behind with a .439 average and .530 on base percentage. Through 21 games the team is hitting .364, with 24 doubles and six homeruns.

"We are a very diverse group of women who have come together on the field to get the job done," according to Bundy. Come out and support the Buff and Blue in their final home appearance of the year on Saturday at 1pm as they face off against the Union Dutchmen in a double header. On May 1st, the team will close out the season on the road at Oswego.

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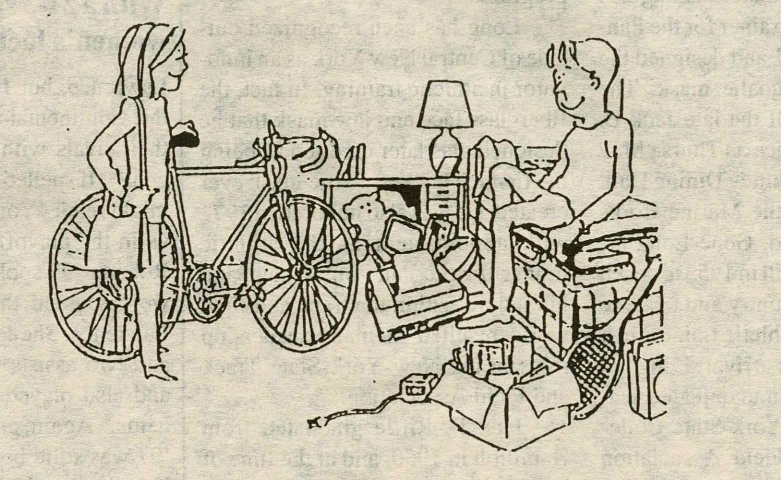

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Tennis crucifies opponents at Nazareth Tournament

By Jeff Goralnick '98
SPORTS STAFF

The Continental men's tennis team this week continued to show the opposition who is boss. They began the weekend by travelling to the Nazareth Tournament in Rochester.

The Continental's first match came at the hands of Rochester Institute of Technology. Playing a weekend format of four singles matches and one doubles, the Continentals were clearly in control of the match. The only loss came from senior co-captain JW Hobson. An otherwise weak team, RIT's number one player was talented, and able to overcome a sluggish Hobson.

After the victory against RIT, Hamilton advanced to play St. Lawrence for the third time in less than a week. It was in this match that Senior Sam Walker was able to clinch his 100th win, adding to his Hamilton career win record. Walker won his match 6-4, 6-3. In his jubilation, Walker commented "From my first victory to my 100th victory, I've become a better tennis player, a better sport, and just maybe a better person." Other notable matches of the day were Greg Nussbaum at the number four singles spot, as well as the team of Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer and Andrew Shoaff in doubles.

Nussbaum, a sophomore, has recently stepped up his game to a phenomenal level. He is 12-9 on the season, and has won nine of his last ten matches. He has developed extreme mental toughness, and he is placing his shots better than ever before.

Another sophomore, Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer, is also on a hot streak. 14-8 combined on the season, Damon has won seven out of his last 8 singles matches, often coming from behind to win matches in meets that were decided by one point. He is obviously a key part to the recent string of Hamilton's victories.

After the win against St. Lawrence, the Continentals advanced to take on Nazareth. Nazareth proved to be too much for the Continentals, and Hamilton fell 3-2. Sam Walker and the doubles team of Lopez-O'Dwyer and Shoaff were the only two victories on the meet.

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Gene Long to Speak at 10th Annual Riffle Dinner

SPECIAL TO THE *SPECTATOR*

Eugene M. Long, a former track and cross-country coach and athletic director at Hamilton College, will be the featured speaker at the 10th annual Jack B. Riffle Dinner honoring Continental senior athletes. Long also served as athletic trainer for the Pan-Am games in 1971 and designed the first ice hockey goalie mask. The dinner, in honor of the late Jack B. Riffle, will take place on Thurs., May 2, at 6 p.m. in the Bundy Dining Hall.

Fresh out of the Marine Corps and newly married, Gene Long arrived on College Hill in 1953 to coach track and cross-country and to serve as the College's athletic trainer. Just two years after his arrival, Long led his track team to an undefeated season and the New York State Collegiate Track and Field Association championship. This team was the first of his many triumphant squads. Perhaps his greatest period of coaching success was in the 1970s, when his cross-country teams compiled a 48-6-2 record, one of the finest small-college marks in the country for the decade.

Far beyond coaching successes, Long played a key role in the development of Hamilton's athletic program. During his tenure at Hamilton, he not only served as coach and trainer, but athletic director from 1972-79, and intramural faculty adviser from 1984-91. He also contributed greatly to the successful launching of the women's sports program after Hamilton's merger with Kirkland College.

In addition, he played an instrumental role in the planning for the Athletic Center and the construction of the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House, as well as the overall expansion of Hamilton's intercollegiate program.

Long has been recognized outside of Central New York as an innovator in athletic training. In fact, the fiberglass face and jaw mask that he designed was later credited as being the first ice hockey goalie mask ever created. He was also honored in 1971 with appointment as the athletic trainer for the Pan-Am Games, and his stature within the track and field world resulted in many leadership roles in the New York State Track and Field Association.

Jack B. Riffle graduated from Hamilton in 1950, and at the time of his death on Dec. 13, 1986, he was chairman and chief executive officer of the Utica National Insurance Group. Riffle served Hamilton with exceptional enthusiasm and became a trustee in 1979. He was a great booster of Hamilton College athletics and was truly a devoted Continental fan.

Because of this deep interest, a group of his friends and associates established the Riffle Dinner to honor all Hamilton senior varsity athletes and their coaches. The dinner features a guest speaker representing the finest in American sports. On that occasion, the Jack B. Riffle Awards are made to the outstanding male and female senior athletes.

Women's lacrosse scores playoff berth, overcomes Oneonta 17-10

By Brian Green '96
SPORTS STAFF

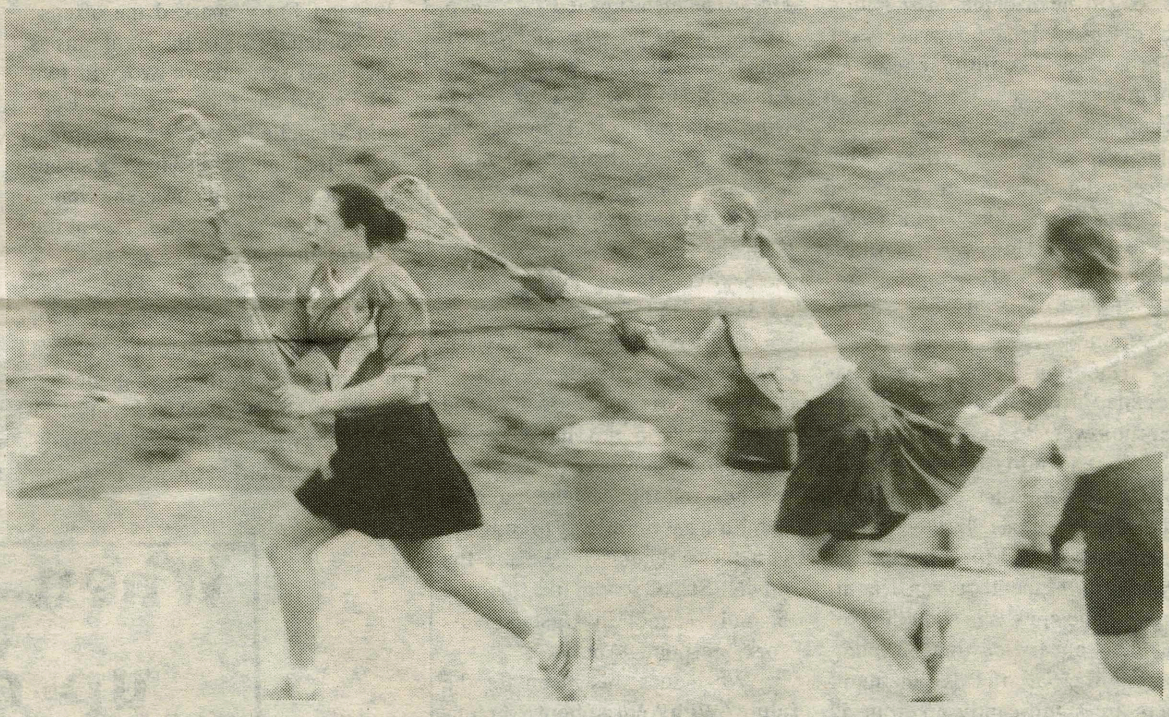
The women's lax team has seen it all. They have dealt with snow, rain, lightning, and even referees who run into car trouble. Despite repeated bad weather and unforeseen mishaps, they have still managed to clinch a playoff spot. The team's efforts should be recognized as they have reached the first checkpoint on the road to a state championship.

Last Friday afternoon, the Continentals travelled to St. Lawrence to meet their rivals atop the UCAA league standings. On that day, (under rainy conditions of course), the chips fell in favor of the opposition as they narrowly steered clear of an emotional Hamilton comeback. The final outcome was a 16-13 victory for St. Lawrence, but I am convinced that the Continentals sent a message to their rivals with their surge of late goals. If spelled out, such a message might read: "You don't want to meet us in the playoffs!" Captain Isabel Roberts '97 spoke of revenge when we discussed the bitter loss to St. Lawrence. She contributed four goals and two assists in the losing cause and also played a strong defensive game. Again, goalie Melissa Hyner '97 was solid between the pipes for Hamilton as she made key saves that could have turned the game into a blow-out. The consistent core of veterans led the way on offense again as Becky Egan '96 tallied four goals and Kate Harris put three behind St. Lawrence goalie Gretchen Ackland. Rookie Nicole Vaughan '99 fulfilled her role as a scoring threat supplying a goal and an assist as well. These three forwards along with Roberts and Megan Waters '97 have performed consistently all season and will be asked to lead them from here on. St. Lawrence got their scoring from Heather Walsh with five goals and three assists and Leah Dubie who added four goals and an assist. Other goals came from Winnett Cunnigham with three, Kelly Rotnem with two, and Justine Allen who rounded out the scoring.

They short bus trip to Clarkson must have rejuvenated the squad as they quickly dismantled any opposition there en route to a 21-3 shellacking of the Lady Golden Knights. After a ten goal lead had been established, the clock offered running time for the remainder of the game; the bus driver barely had a chance to nod off to sleep before the team was re-boarding with a victory in their back pocket. Rain and mud were once again the setting of the Saturday morning contest. Facing an obviously weaker team, Coaches Betsy Bruce and Phil Grady were able to utilize their bench and show that scoring was contagious from one Continental to another. The Clarkson win saw thirteen different Hamilton players contribute goals. Highlights included a behind-the-back sniper from 'offensive force' Karen Weber '96 and a first career goal and a wild dancing celebration from rookie Juliette Castrovinci '99. Castrovinci is playing in her first season of organized lacrosse.

Nicole Vaughan led the attack with three goals and three assists while freshman Susan Glah scored three and helped on two others. Waters and Harris chipped in with two of each and Becky Egan and Leigh Daly '98 put two in the Clarkson net. Other goals came from Judy Whitaker '97, Alison Warner '99, Lori Decillis '99, Ashley Davis '99, and Eliza Hawkey '98. Trainer Gary Heenan might have even gotten himself on the stat sheet with an assist but it is unconfirmed. Goaltending duties were shared by Hyner and Merideth Haimes '98 who could have easily dozed off to sleep as all the action too place at the other end of the field.

Without a day off to rest or let their shoes dry, the Continentals were back in action on Monday afternoon against a tough Oneonta State team. For the first time, a healthy gathering of fans occupied the bleachers but they only could outlast the first downpour before they retreated to their respective dorms. A referee with car trouble and an array of lightning bolts postponed the starting time by two hours making it difficult for the once-pumped Hamilton team to get into game mode. When the storm had subsided and rainbows arched above Love Field it was six o'clock and the game was just getting underway. Isabel Roberts said: "It was important that the team members all stayed on the same page despite the delays. It was a big game and we needed it to get a playoff spot." After about forty minutes of trading goals, the Continentals took the bull by the horns and scored eight unanswered goals cruising to a 17-10 victory. Karen Weber '96 said it was the confidence and composure of the team that allowed them to take the game over as time ticked away. Kate Harris' stick was still smoking after the game as she compiled five more goals in the victory. Megan Waters got top playmaking honors, as she dished out four assists to go with her three goals. Becky Egan had three of each and Roberts and Vaughan also added three goals and an assist.



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With a 21-3 shellacking off Clarkson and an emotional 17-10 victory over Oneonta State, the women's lacrosse team assured themselves a spot in the UCAA playoffs.

The Oneonta win clinched a playoff berth for the Continentals and the next step is to win home field advantage for the first round of playoff action. Captain Roberts says the keys to Hamilton success will be offense and defense playing their best simultaneously and healthy line-up is essential.

Hartwick will provide the next challenge on Thursday afternoon and from there it is on to Cortland State on Saturday. If the Conts can extend their win streak another two games, the Hamilton fans who left in the rain on Monday will get another chance to see their team on action on Love Field.